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Security was tightened in Delhi as Sikhs prepared today to burn the constitution outside Parliament and Hindus threatened a retaliatory general strike. In Punjab Sikh gunmen killed at least five people Page 6

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Twenty seven Kashmiris were arrested near India House, London as 2,000 marchers demonstrated against the execution in India of the Kashmiri independence leader, Magbool Butt.

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As the General Synod prepares to meet today Clifford Longley looks at the growing importance of ecclesiology – a fundamental change in approach for British churches Page 14

Optimism at CBI that recovery will continue

By Sarah Hogg and Graham Searjeant

Further evidence of economic recovery comes today from the Confederation of British Industry, whose February monthly trends survey reveals greater short-tern optimism among manufacturers than at any time since before the slump.

It is reinforced by a survey of industrial prospects published by top American business economists known as the Conference Board. It concludes that expansion is spreading from the United States to Europe, and that Britain and West Germany will lead the recovery.

The London Business School, one of the two main independent economic forecasters in Britain, today publishes a forecast which suggests a stable rate of inflation and falling unemployment over the next four years.

The CBI survey, based on replies from 1,805 companies, suggests that the recovery is continuing to broaden across more sectors of industry. A substantial 38 per cent of respondents expected to increase output between now and June, while only 8 per cent expected to cut back. This balance is twice as high as it was last spring.

Sir James Cleminson, the CBI's deputy president, said: "It is encouraging to see that the recovery in manufacturing industry's fortunes is continuing". But he pointed out that the results also show that 30 per cent of firms still report that their total order books are below normal.

The CBI's survey is the last ot be published before the Budget in a fortnight and Sir James took the opportunity to urge the Chancellor to lower business costs. But a series of Pre-Budget forecasts published today by City stockbrokers add to the general view that Mr Nigel Lawson will seek to introduce a give-and-take Budget, balancing reductions in income tax with increases on spirits and tobacco.

A further reduction in the National Insurance Surcharge – the CBI's chief request – is placed low on the brokers' list of likely changes.

A further "tax switch" predicted today by the stockbrokers Simon & Coates is based on a "savers' package" of cuts in capital gains tax, the investment income surchage and stamp duty, financed by increases in beer and petrol tax above the rate of inflation.

Another possible revenue-raiser put forward by rival City forecasters, the stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, is higher taxation on banks and other financial institutions, of which last week's Inland Revenue announcement on building societies' tax is widely seen as the first instalment.

Further presssure on the Chancellor to reduce income tax comes from the Low Pay Unit, which claims that the tax increases of the past four years mean that poor people are more heavily taxed in Britain than anywhere else in Europe. Its report says that Mr Lawson has made it clear he would like to cut taxes on the lower-paid.

Mr Lawson is widely expected to make concessions to the Low Pay Unit's plea for an increase in income tax thresholds beyond what is needed to compensate for inflation, but is not likely to respond to the request for the reintroduction of a 25 per cent lower-rate band of income tax.

Overall, Mr Lawson is widely expected to compile a Budget which enables him to reduce his public sector borrowing requirement below his previous target just over £8,000 billion without any net increase in taxation.

This would be consistent with "a small cut in intrest rates around Budget time", according to Simon & Coates.

GCHQ dispute

Strike threatens to end union truce

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

As attempts were being made to get a "mini general strike" off the ground tomorrow in protest at the ban on unions at Government Communications Headquarters, it became clear to some senior labour leaders that the unions' main weapon should be to end the fragile relationship recently built up with the Government.

A meeting today of the TUC's "inner cabinet", the finance and general purposes committee, looks likely to urge an end to the kind of contact with ministers which recently led to a compromise over unions' political levy. Mr David Basnett, an influential member of the committee, will also call for the withdrawal of the movement from tripartite bodies involving government, such as the National Economic Development Council.

Leaders of 4½ million trade unionists in transport, health, water, electricity gas and engineering have all urged their members to stage, what will be an illegal half-day stoppage in sympathy with 500,000 civil servants.

It is thought that the strike by unions outside the civil service, precipitated by comments made on Friday by Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, will not have widespread effects partly because of short notice. The main disruption may occur in train and bus services.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said yesterday that the call for aciton was "too precipitate" and that an emergency meeting of the general council of the TUC should be convened

With four days to go before the deadline, Whitehall sources were saying that about 60 per cent of the 7,000 civil servants at GCHQ had signed a document either renouncing union membership in return for £1,000, or retaining membership and agreeing to be transferred.

Mr Peter Jones, general secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said that "at least" 200 GCHQ staff had signed an alternative union document at a meeting on Friday. In it the signatories refused to give up their unions

● The Government, whose decision to ban unions at GCHQ in Cheltenham will be debated by the Commons today, came under renewed attack yesterday from the two severest critics of its action on the Tory back benches (Philip Webster writes).

Mr John Gorst, MP for Hendon North, a member of the Select Committee on Employment, which recommended ministers to accept a compromise no-disruption agreement from the unions, said that he feared the Government was heading for a Pyrrhic victory. The result, he said, would be a sullen workforce and a tarnished reputation for the Government.

Mr Charles Irving, Conservative MP for Cheltenham, said: "From the start it has been the most appalling bungle."

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Goodbye to Beirut: Staff Sergeant Jerry Elokonich, on board the last US amphibious vehicle to leave Lebanon yesterday.

US base left to Gemayel enemies

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

With the battleship New Jersey firing over their heads, the American Marines of what used to be the multi-national force in Beirut withdrew all but 100 of their men from Lebanon yesterday, leaving President Gemayel facing not only his enemies but his erstwhile Christian friends as well.

Far from honouring their promise to hand over their base at Beirut Airport to the Government Army, the marines allowed defecting Muslim troops and Shia militiamen to take their almost impregnable fortifications beside the sea, leaving even more of the capital in the hands of Mr Gemayel's opponents.

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While most of the pro-Western nations of the Arab world feel the deepest concern for America's standing in the middle East – a depression scarcely lightened by the visit of Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, to Amman yesterday to try once more to negotiate a future for the Palestinians – Mr Gemayel has an even stonier path in front of him.

Mr Fadi Frem, the Christian Phalangist militia leader, and Mr Camille Chamoun, the former right-wing President, have come out in open opposition to Mr Gemayel's suggestion that the unofficial peace treaty between Lebanon and Israel should be abrogated. Mr Chamoun said Mr Gemayel would be committing treason if he destroyed the pact.

Emboldened by the acquisition of arms brought in to Beirut on an Italian merchant ship last week and by the recovery of 14 M48 Army tanks from the battles south of Beirut – the US Navy, it transpires, arranged their return to government troops in the Christian sector of the capital – the Lebanese soldiers still notionally loyal to Mr Gameyal's Administration are showing an even closer alliance with the Phalange.

If the President loses the confidence of these supporters, then he is powerless to prevent Lebanon sliding further into civil war. While the Marines were leaving yesterday, fighting still went on along the Beirut front line. Last Friday's Saudi-sponsored ceasefire is already history.

Up to 1,000 Marines left the beaches beside the Airport aboard amphibious vehicles and helicopters as Shia Muslim Amal militiamen arrived in Jeeps and armoured troop carriers to take over the positions next to the runways.

Only 100 Marines are left in the city, all guarding American

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Ulster security review sees greater role for police

From Richard Ford, Belfast

An increase of up to 50 per cent in the full-time strength of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to 12,000 officers over a number of years is one of a series of ideas under discussion as part of a long-term examination of policing in the province.

Such an increase from the RUC's present force of almost 8,000 members would inevitably mean a decreasing role for the Army and Ulster Defence Regiment as part of a deliberate policy of getting "khaki" off the streets of Northern Ireland.

Central to the current debate is the role and future of the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR), a locally recruited force which has never been able to find acceptability among the Roman Catholic minority in the province, and is in some quarters increasingly seen as counter productive.

Any attempt to reduce its role still further, and the number of part-time UDR members is half the 1973 figure, would meet strong opposition from "loyalist" politicians, particularly the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, who frequently want the force to be run by more local men.

Since its formation in 1970, in the wake of the disbanding of the discredited B Specials, the UDR has lost 139 members. It has also had a controversial image, damaged further recently after eight members were charged with the murder of two Roman Catholic men in co Armagh. It had up to 17 per cent Roman Catholic membership but internment and intimidation had driven that figure down to about 2 per cent in 1980.

Nationalist politicians constantly accuse its members of joining for political reasons, of harassing Roman Catholic youths, and of being little more than the B Specials under another name.

Only last week, it was alleged that one of the factors influencing Declan Martin, the Provisional IRA gunman shot dead in an SAS undercover operation, to join the terrorists had been an incident involving a UDR petrol.

A Social Democratic Labour Party (SDLP) councillor said: "I get more complaints about the UDR than the police, particularly about road checks and offensive language. It all has a logic of its own. People see the soldiers armed, then they say *let us* have guns because they simply want to get back at them."



Mr Prior: Unconvinced by arguments

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is aware of the current thinking among his security advisers, but apparently remains unconvinced of the arguments for increasing the size of the full-time RUC. The security forces' ideas are part of long-term planning, including discussion on how the province is to be policed during the next 25 years.

With the level of violent activity expected to continue its decline and terrorism increasingly swithing from urban to rural areas, the "primacy of the police" policy will advance until, it is hoped, soldiers are no longer on the streets. The police are increasingly moving into nationalist areas without support from soldiers; they are more evident on the beat and ealier this month people in west Belfast called for more of them in the area after a number of sex attacks.

Senior security sources believe hat only anything like a "normal" life will return when soldiers are no longer visible and perhaps when the UDR's role and size is reduced. Current thinking is that a force of 12,000 professionally trained policemen could have a calming effect on the province, as well as being able to nip terrorism in the bud and could reassure the nationalist community.

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MPs critical of rise in fuel prices

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The Commons Energy Committee will publish a report this week criticizing the Government for raising gas and electricity prices to increase revenue. The rises were forced on the two industries by a sudden change in their external financing limits.

Both utilities were asked to provide increased contributions to the Treasury. British Gas covered the increase with a 5 per cent price rise but the electricity industry argued that it could raise the extra £700m by increased efficiency and said that, to remain competive with gas, the present price freeze would continue beyond April.

The 12 area boards in England and Wales have, however, bowed to Treasury demands to introduce a 2 per cent increase for domestic consumers and a freeze on industrial tariffs. The industry reluctantly accepted the Treasury view that customers should be given the correct "price signals" and that a period of price freeze followed by a large rise should be avoided.

The Select Committee, which is expected to describe the increases as "surrogate taxation", lends some support to the Electricity Consumer Council which says that the April rise should be shelved

The committee, will also turn its attention to government policy for aiding the National Coal Board

Immigration move on overseas doctors

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government may soon introduce now immigration rules limiting the entry of Commonwealth born doctors to Britain.

Health service ministers have accepted the principle behind a British Medical Association scheme under which overseas doctors would come to Britain to take up specific training appointments and then return home or go elsewhere when their training is completed.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, is preparing to ask Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, to control numbers and to prevent overseas doctors from staying beyond a four or perhaps five-year training period.

Talks between the two departments are already taking place.

At present their entry is largely unrestricted, provided they are suitably qualified and can fulfil the necessary language and competence requirements set by the General Medical Council. But Mr Brittan will be asked to consider whether they should be issued with work permits stipulating a strict limit on their durarion of stay.

Doctors who have already settled in Britain with full medical registration would not be affected.

The BMA schemee was drawn up because of fears of growing unemployment among doctors towards the end of the century; it estimates there are about 2,000 unemployed at present. It believes that overseas doctors do not always get the required specialised training posts.

A government advisory committee on manpower has estimated a possible surplus of 40,000 to 50,000 doctors by the year 2000

Health ministers expect opposition to the scheme. The health service has become increasingly dependent on overseas doctors.

Helicopter crashes in kidnap area

By Richard Dowden

A helicopter flying to Kafunfu, northern Angola, where a group of 77 foreign mineworkers were kidnapped last Thursday, has crashed, killing the Angolan pilot and copilot and a Portuguese technician.

The cause of the crash is not yet known, but the helicopter, owned by Diamang, the Angolan state-owned diamond company, may have been shot down by the Unita insurgents who kidnapped the group.

Mr Robert Dewar, the Commercial Counsellor at the British Embassy in Luanda, has travelled to Dundo, the main centre of the mining area, in an attempt to gather more details of the fate of the 16 Britons believed to have been among those kidnapped. A spokesman for Mining and Technical Services Ltd (Mats), the company which employs the workers, said yesterday that they had no further details.

It is understook that a Skyvan belonging to the diamond company has managed to fly to the Kafunfu airstrip and then return to Dundo, but Diamang has not yet reported on what was found there.

The guerrillas may have chosen Kafunfu because had they attacked the main diamond area around Dundo they could have been cornered in the north-east corner of Angola. Now they can travel south with their hostages along the lines of the rivers which make east-west travel difficult in that part of the country.

Last year, a group of Czechoslovak workers and their families were seized by Unita and marched south. Unita is still holding 20 of them at Mavinga in the south, and has offered to release them in exchange for the seven British

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British monarchy saved by the belfry

Caen (AFP) – The Royal Family has reason to be grateful to the Mayor of Caen, Normandy, who has just ensured the survival of the British monarchy by allocating funds to repair the ancient belfry of the town's abbey.

Legend has it that if the bell tower built by William the Conqueror ever fell down, the British Crown would fall with it.

The risk became a distinct possibility when it was proposed to ring out all the bells at a ceremony to mark the fortieth anniversary of the D-Day Normandy landings on June 6 this year, which the Queen will very probably attend alongside President Mitterand and President Reagan.

The abbey, known as the "Men's Abbey", was one of two built on the orders of William the Conqueror, the other being known as the "Women's Abbey". He built them in a bid to appease Pope Leo IX for going against his wishes by marrying Mathilda of Flanders.

The bell tower has always been regarded by townfolk as a symbol of good luck, mostly because the abbey has traditionally been a place of refuge in times of war.

During the Allied and German bombings, which almost destroyed the town between June 6 and mid-July, 1944, thousands of people took shelter in the extensive abbey vaults. As if by a miracle, the abbey was one of the few buildings left standing, surrounded by ruins.

The tower has become seriously weakened over the centuries and experts warned that the vibrations set up by the bells could bring it tumbling down.

The bells have not been rung since April 1982 after the structure was declared unsafe. Within five minutes of the bells being set in motion windows rattled and the belfry floor started to pitch like a ship.

Rather than risk the embarrassment of the tower falling down at the feet of the guests, Mayor Jean-Marie Girault has ordered that substantial funds be released to repair it.

The exact origin of the legend which links the tower with the fate of the British monarchy is uncertain, although it is believed to go back to the reign of William the Conqueror, the first Norman King of England, who was buried in the abbey.

Some people maintain that the legend was made up by the French Resistance.

But according to the mayor, a huge red cross was painted on the abbey roof to identify it for allied pilots, who had been told 10,000 people were taking shelter there.

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Councillor denies threats to Jenkin as spending revolt hangs in balance

By Richard Evans

The budget being planned by the hard-left leadership of Liverpool City Council in response to government spending restrictions is under severe threat from a rebellion within the Labour group.

The 51 Labour councillors have a majority of only three over the Liberal and Conservative opposition and at least two "moderates" on the ruling group have indicated that they will not support the measure, which could plunge the city into insolvency.

After failing to gain extra money from the Government during a meeting with Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment last week, council leaders are planning to spend £30m above the Government's target, without increasing rates.

Mr Jenkin, who said at the weekend that he had been personally threatened during last week's meeting, said yesterday: "The whole thing is designed to create confrontation with the Government and overthrow the Thatcher administration. They have never made any secret of that."

He named Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of the city council and a supporter of Militant Tendency as the person who threatened him.

Mr Jenkin said he was told: "Everyone is being too polite. I want to tell you mate, that you are for it if you do not give us our £30m.

"We will have such riots on the streets. We will make it happen. It is not an idle threat. They are real threats. We will be down outside your house, Mr Jenkin. We will make it happen."

Mr Jenkin said yesterday: "My immediate reaction was simply to say to Mr Hatton that if he thought that threats of that sort were the right way to approach government he had a very sad misunderstanding of human nature".

Mr Hatton yesterday described the minister's allegations as "blatant lies". He said in a statement: "The only violence we know about is the violence being shown by Patrick Jenkin and the rest of the Tory Government against the people of Liverpool. It is a violence against those on the dole, those without houses and hopes for the future.

"None of us spoke to him in threatening terms. What we said was that if the Government continued along the lines they are going now. There will obviously come a time when young people will react."

Looking ahead to the voting on the budget on March 29, Mr Jenkin said that, if it was passed councillors who abstained or stayed away from the meeting could face being surcharged, as well as those who supported the measure.

"There is a duty, unless they can show good cause such as a serious illness, on those faced with a proposal to commit an illegal act by voting for an unlawful rate, to vote against it."

Mrs Margaret Delaney, a Labour councillor planning not to support the proposed budjet, said: "We should put the city through what the Government is telling us to do and let the wounds bleed. It is not until the people of the city have been put through mass redundancies and forced to pay high rates that they will realize what the Government is doing."

Fear of more insolvent councils

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Several more local authorities could follow Liverpool into insolvency once the Government's rate-capping plans are enacted, according to an article published today in the journal of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

The article in *Public Finance and Accountancy* is bound to increase the City's unease over loans to councils. Its author, Mr Malcolm Grant, a Southampton University legal specialist, says that while councils cannot go bankrupt; they can default on loans. "The prospect of delay in payment may in itself unsettle the financial markets", he writes.

The Government's rates plans will give it strict control over councils' income but not over spending. The result is to "increase the risk of default by local authorities, and not only by those wishing to make political capital out of it".

Both the institute and the Department of the Environment are studying the legal implications of Liverpool's proposed deficit budget.

The institute, the professional association of council finance officers, including the Liverpool city treasurer, has issued firm legal advice to its members that if an official is ordered to carry out an unlawful act, the council would have repudiated his contract of employment and he should treat himself as dismissed.

So far Liverpool has done nothing illegal. It has simply ordered the printing of budgets for 1984–85 on the basis of existing services plus "known inescapable new commitments". But the council must make a rate for 1984–85 in the next 30 days and under the General Rate Act 1967 that rate should match its planned expenditure.

What the law does not say clearly is what happens if the Labour majority sets a rate insufficient to pay for its projected spending.

Strength of sterling causes EEC concern

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

EEC agriculture ministers meet in Brussels today for what may be their last opportunity to resolve this year's budget before the crucial six-monthly "summit" meeting of heads of state.

With a virtual price freeze on most products assured, the most contentious issue for the British delegation will be the proposed revaluation of the "green pound".

The European Commission believes that its current valuation does not reflect the strength of sterling in relation to most other EEC currencies.

The effect of a revaluation would be to reduce farmers' incomes, making food exports less profitable and imports cheaper. Farmers' organizations are unanimously resisting the commission's proposal and have strong support from the Ministry of Agriculture.

But food manufacturers and consumer groups say that the present "artificially low" valuation amounts to a tax on imports, putting an extra 4p a lb on bacon, 6p on butter, 5p on cheese and 2p on a dozen eggs.

Building threat

An EEC move to force the United Kingdom to levy value-added tax on commercial and industrial property and on public building works could mean a £700m tax bill for builders and developers and put many jobs at risk, Mr John Heddle, Conservative MP for Mid-Staffordshire, said at the weekend (Christopher Warman writes).

Mr Heddle, chairman of the Conservative parliamentary environment committee, is to raise the EEC Commission's threat in an adjournment debate on February 29. He has the support of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, the British Property Federation and leading City institutions.

He said the commission was threatening informally to challenge the UK's VAT zero-rating on new industrial, commercial and public works.



Bridge in suspense: Experts examining Hammersmith Bridge yesterday after its closure for repairs. Diversions have been set up, but severe disruption in traffic is likely for some time (Photograph: John Manning).

Plea may go to Europe

Mr Duncan Campbell, the *New Statesman* journalist whose papers were seized by police after he had a bicycle accident, may take the case to the European Commission on Human Rights as a breach of privacy (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

Mr Campbell already has plans to sue Scotland Yard for trespass and breach of copyright.

After the accident a fortnight ago police confiscated 140 documents as well as personal belongings. Special Branch officers later searched his north London house and seized another 53 documents.

Labour jitters despite poll boost for Benn

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Tony Benn is expected to romp home in the Chesterfield by-election on Thursday, after an opinion poll yesterday which gave him a convincing 27 per cent lead over the Alliance. But with a pattern of last-week by-election swings in recent years, there are still some signs of nervousness in the Labour camp.

Yesterday's Harris Research Centre poll, published in *The Observer*, gave Mr Benn 53 per cent; Mr Max Payne, Liberal, 26 per cent; and Mr Nick Bourne, Conservative, 20 per cent. This excluded 15 per cent "don't knows" and 5 per cent who refused to answer.

The "don't knows" response is high and there remains a risk that those could turn voters against Mr Benn at the last moment. There is also a danger that a late opinion poll might inflate Mr Payne's chances.

When the Harris pollsters asked people what they would do if the Liberals stood a chance of winning, with the Conservatives out of the running, the Chesterfield sample gave Mr Payne 46 per cent, Mr Benn 38 per cent, and Mr Bourne 16 per cent. Certainly, Mr Benn has a number of handicaps.

Three months after Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, then Labour Secretary, lost his seat in the 1964 general election, he was rejected by the voters on a 9 per cent by-election swing to the Tories in an apparently safe Labour seat.

The electorate have also shown a traditional revulsion against parties which provoke unnecessary by-elections and Mr Eric Varley's unexpected departure so soon after the general election remains a puzzle.

Chesterfield's antipathy towards Mr Benn's political reputation is an additional complicating factor in the campaign. This is implicitly recognized by the Labour candidate's suggestion that people would be voting Labour and not Benn on Thursday.

Mr Denis Healey will be in Chesterfield tonight.

General election result: E G Varley (Lab), 23,881; N Bourne (C), 16,118; M Payne (L/All), 9,705. Lab maj. 7,763.

Inquiry on freedom of information likely

By Peter Hennessy

The influential Commons Committee on the Treasury and Civil Service is likely to investigate the desirability of freedom of information in Britain.

The committee's membership includes firm advocates of more open government drawn from all parties. Under its chairman, Mr Terrence Higgins, Conservative MP for Worthing and a former Treasury minister, the committee will decide whether to proceed after the Budget.

A comparable Congressional investigation in Washington in the 1960s paved the way for the first United States Freedom of Information Act in 1966, but no Commons select committee has yet examined the issue, although Mr Clement Freud's Official Information Bill reached the committee stage in 1979.

The Government would not welcome an inquiry into freedom of information by the Higgins committee. Ministers and permanent secretaries already fear the effect of the 1984 Campaign for Freedom of Information under the leadership of Mr Des Wilson.

To Whitehall's surprise, the Bill proposed by the 1984 campaign is relatively moderate.

An indication of parliamentary opinion and the Government's Resistance to greater disclosure will come next week when Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, will introduce a freedom of information Bill in the Commons under the ten-minute rule. Although it has no chance of success, the Government front bench will have to defend the existing restrictions

Mr Wilson said yesterday that he would shortly name the former high-ranking civil servants who would advise the 1984 campaign. Serving officials of all ranks were also sympathetic to the cause. "The signals we have been receiving are by no means faint. You do not have to be an employee of GCHQ to make them out" he said.

Reagan faces mass peace demonstration

From Pat Healy, Manchester

President Reagan is to face a mass demonstration by the British peace movement when he visits London on June 9.

It will be organized by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and be supported by the Anti Trident Campaign which was launched in Manchester at the weekend.

The new campaign does not take a view on unilateral nuclear disarmament and aims solely to prevent the Trident system replacing Polaris submarines in the 1990s because of its enormous cost, its damaging effect on Britain's conventional defence and the big increase in Britain's nuclear capability it represents.

More than a thousand people representing 500 church, trade union, political and peace groups attended its launch and decided to use President Reagan's visit to raise publicly their demand.

All the main political parties were represented at the conference, the Conservatives by the unofficial fringe-group Tories Against Cruise and Trident (TACT).

Britain would be breaching the non-proliferation treaty with the Trident system, Professor Michael Pentz, a vice-chairman of CND, said.

● Women peace campaigners camped at the Greenham Common cruise missile base were defiant yesterday in the fate of Saturday's decision by Berkshire County Council to remove "nuisances and unlawful obstructions from any county highway in the vacinity of RAF Greenham Common on which encampments may be found".

The women said: "We shall not go. They can take away our tents if they must, but we shall sleep out in the open".



Pipit power: *Anthus hodgsoni* and some of the ornothologists it attracted yesterday (Photographs: Peter Trievnor).

Watchers flock to see bird

By David Nicholson-Lord

Several thousand pounds of precision-tooled Japanese hardware was trained on an unassuming back garden in Bracknell, Berkshire, yesterday as for the fifth successive day bird-watchers tried to pin down the elusive *Anthus hodgsoni*, the Asian olive-backed pipit.

Inside the house, Mrs Margaret Parker, aged 29, made tea and coffee for the assembled ornithologists, 250 of whom have tramped through her doors. Outside, at the bottom of the garden, a score more prowled in a school playground, binoculars and telephoto lenses ready.

The centre of their attention, which should by now be haunting the forests and plains of Siberia, meanwhile, alternated protracted and well-nigh invisible skulks in the long grass with tail-wagging forays to a clump of Scots pine in the Parkers' garden.

The trees are what attracted the pipit, which seems set to immortalize Mr David Parker, aged 31, with an entry in this year's *British Birds* record of rare sightings. They are apparently akin to its native habitat.

The olive-backed pipit has occasionally been sighted on the far western coast of Britain during autumn migration but never inland in Berkshire, particularly in late winter. The theory is that it was blown east last October and has lain low since, or was blown there recently by the strong winds.

Drug safety bans 'must be enforced'

Decisions by the Committee on Safety of Medicines to ban or limit the prescription of drugs must be more rigorously enforced, Mr Michal Meacher, Labour spokesman on social services, said yesterday.

His comments came after the committee, the Government's watchdog on drug safety, is understood to have recommended that GPs should no longer be allowed to prescribe the anti-arthritis drug phenylbutazone and that its prescription should be limited to hospital doctors and for one condition only – ankylosing spondylitie.

In a letter to Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr Meacher said the drug had caused some 460 deaths between 1963 and 1976, according to the committee's own estimates, and that a million prescriptions had been dispensed in 1982 with an estimated death rate of between 20 and 25 a year.

Mr Meacher asked what guarantee there was that phenylbutazone would not continue to be prescribed.

Angry BA crew may step up strike campaign

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

British Airways cabin staff may step up their campaign of 24-hour strikes if the threat to stop their personal travel concessions for a year goes ahead. The company has also angered union leaders by effectively suspending some of the stewards and stewardesses for more than a month

Mr Mick Martin, a national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said the move could make the action over pay much worse.

More than 30,000 passengers were delayed on Friday and Saturday because of the strike by 1,000 crew members at Heathrow protesting at a wage offer which would give them a 4 per cent increase this year and 5 per cent next.

Mr Christopher Byron, the BA manager for cabin crews, warned his 4,500 staff by letter that any further action would mean withdrawal of their travel concessions.

Support for Ford stoppage on the wane

The threat of an indefinate stike at Ford's complex at Dagenham, Essex, seemed to be receding yesterday (*Our Labour Reporter writes*).

Some sections of the 19,000 workforce will vote again this week on the strike which union leaders claim has already been mandated by a mass meeting. The dispute is about the proposed closure of the Thames Foundary at Dagenham.

It is thought that the 1,500 members of the Association of Scientific, Technical, and Management Staffs (ASTMS), will vote against the strike.

The staff section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and the Technical and Supervisory Section (TASS) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, are expected to vote again.

● Employers and unions in the printing industry are to recommend acceptance of a new national wage agreement which will increase basic wages by up to £5.92 a week

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The critical events in the Chesterfield by-election are not the speeches of the candidates, but the constituency opinion polls. The only way in which Labour could be defeated is by tactical voting, with sufficient Conservative supporters switching to the Liberal candidate to keep Mr Benn out. However, the only way in which tactical voting could take place in sufficient numbers is if the opinion polls reveal a trend of voting intention in that direction. One potential tactical voter encourages others.

The opinion polls tell us that this is not happening at Chesterfield, in which case Mr Benn will win comfortably. But it could happen. The Harris poll in *The Observer* yesterday suggested that the Liberal would actually be ahead, instead of trailing as a poor second, if voters believed that he stood a chance of winning while the Conservative did not. In other words, if the voters thought there was going to be tactical voting there would be.

Poll similarities with Bermondsey

Mr Benn knows this could happen. That was why he was so angry earlier in the campaign with Mr Vincent Hanna and the BBC *Newsnight* poll. He must have feared that night after night television would show the Liberal catching up on him, and the Tory vote crumbling. It has not been like that. But revealing that so far there is not much of a trend towards tactical voting, the opinion polls may be as decisive at Chesterfield as they were in the other direction at Bermondsey a year ago.

In three-cornered by-elections, constituency polls have become not just measurements of voting intention today but an influence on the actual voting tomorrow. They have become weapons in the contest.

Some people will undoubtedly regard this as a reason why they ought to be banned during election campaigns. I take a very different view. I believe the natural trend will be to increase the number of constituency polls that are published during general elections. There is no shortage of constituency polls at by-elections these days, or of national polls at general election. But constituency polls at generla elections are relatively few and depend upon the whim of the media, although they can be decisive.

If Tyne Tees Television had not commissioned MORI to conduct a poll in Stockton South during the last general election, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth might well not have held it for the SDP: he had a majority of only 102 votes.

If somebody had commissioned a poll in Islington South, Mr George Cunningham would surely have held it for the SDP. He lost to Labour by 363 votes, with the Conservative winning nearly 10,000 votes in third place. If they had know it was going to be so close, some of those Conservative voters would have switched to Mr Cunningham in order to defeat Labour.

Telephone polls a serious possibility

If polls can be decisive in some seats, why do the parties not commission some constituency polls themselves? The obstacle is finance. In Islington South, for example, each candidate was legally allowed to spend only £4,000 during the last election. MORI would have charged about £3,500 for a poll based on face-to-face interviews with 600 people, which is about the smallest canvas that it would regard as reasonable.

Unofficial polls, conducted for example by academics with students as interviewers, would be much cheaper. But they would be unlikely to have the same electoral effect because voters are rightly sceptical of polls which are not conducted by established polling organizations. Telephone polls are a more serious possibility. Audience Selection would charge about £2,000 for a telephone poll of 500 people, which it would regard as acceptable. That is getting nearer to a managable figure.

Whether telephone polling is a satisfactory technique is a matter of some dispute within the pfofession. However, one way or another – whether by commissioning a telephone poll, persuading a friendly newspaper to commission a poll itself, or by some other stratagem – I would expect the parties to see that there are more constituancy jpolls at the next general election.

Triple first tie in chess tournament

From Harry Golombek, Westergate, Sussex

The sixth and final round of the Arc Young Masters tournament at Westergate, west Sussex, saw many vigorous struggles as befits this event, which is notable for its mixture of young fighting chess and experienced grandmaster and master chess.

The international grandmaster Tony Miles, who was leading when the round commenced with 4½ out of 5, had a life and death game with the former British champion, Paul Littlewood, who eventually won.

Since grandmaster Speelman won his game against young Stuart Conquest and international master G Flear won against G Lawton there was a triple tie for first place among Flear, Littlewood and Speelman with five points each.

Equal fourth were Berg, Davies, Martin, Miles and Nunn with four and a half points each. Next came Arkell, Britton, N Carr, Crawley, Crouch, Conquest, Hartston, Howell, Hebden, Kosten, Lawton, Norwich and Povah, all with four points each.

Results on leading boards in last round: T Miles 0, P Littlewood 1; G Flear 1, G Lawton 0; J Speelman 1, S Conquest 0; A Martin ½, N Davies ½; J Plaskett 0, P Wells 0; K Berg 1, P Townsend 0; A Kosten 1, C Baker 0; N Povah 1, R Bellin 0; D Norwood 1, C Crouch 1; J Emms 0, K Arkell 1; S Knott 0, M Wheeler 0; R Britton 1, A Hunter 0; N Carr 1, G Crawley 1; N Bradbury 0, J Howell 1; A Kuznecov 0, D Watts 0; J Ady 1, Miss S Jackson ½; R Blackwell ½

Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pts 130; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Greater police role sought for Ulster

Continued from page one

The present strength of the RUC is 7,997 with a reserve of full and part-time members of 4,405 and already they police most of the province with the Army and UDR in a supporting role.

Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the RUC, is understood to have asked earlier this year for an increase of between 250 and 500 in the establishment of the force which he describes as "extraordinary men doing an extraordinary job".

Running the RUC will cost an estimated £240m this year, with the 9,516-strong Army and 7,111 part and full-time members of the UDR costing a further £143m. The cost of any increase in the size of the RUC could be offset by a corresponding scaling-down of operations by the Army, UDR and police reserve.

The slowly growing acceptability of the RUC among Roman Catholics is seen as crucial, particularly in its determination to be seen to be enforcing the law fairly but with sensitivity.

Its role is increasingly being compared favourably with that of the UDR, which many nw accept will never be able to rid itself of charges of sectarianism or find acceptability among the minority community.

Screening of potential recruits to the RUC has been tightened as part of attempts to rid it of any sectarian elements, and Sir John Hermon, now the longest-serving chief constable since the troubles began, has been a tough disciplinarian, insisting on the highest standards of professionalism.

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'Rent-a-womb' schemes should be avoided BMA to advise doctors

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association is to recommend that doctors should have no involvement with any scheme involving "surrogate" mothers.

The association's stand comes as the first commercial "surrogate" agency is proposing to start a "rent-a-womb" scheme for childless couples in Surrey, and as the government-appointed Warnock committee is preparing to make recommendations on the issue this summer. The committee is considering making the charging of fees for such a service illegal.

The BMA's council is expected next month to approve advice from its central ethnical committee that doctors should not become involved in any procedure in which a woman bears a child for another woman and then hands it ove after birth.

That should apply whether the treatment is done privately, where the mother who bears the child is paid a fee for her services, or even if it were to be attempted on the National Health Service with no fees involved.

The committee is also opposed to such treatment whether it is undertaken by artificial insemination, where the husband's sperm is inserted in the child-carrying women, or by the test-tube baby technique.

In the latter case, the egg from the woman who cannot bear a child would be mixed in the laboratory with the husband's sperm, and the resulting embryo implanted in the woman who is to carry the child.

That process offers the advantage that the resulting child is genetically the offspring of the parents who are to bring it up, as opposed to a surrogate child produced by artificial insemination where half the genes will have come from the father, but half from the woman bearing the child.

Both techniques are surrounded by serious legal and ethical dilemmas, not least the question of to whom the child belongs if the mother who has borne it changes her mind about handing it over.

Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA's professional division, said yesterday: "The committee feels strongly that doctors should have nothing to do with any process that will produce a surrogate child, whether by artificial insemination, the test-tube baby technique or by any other method.

"Once a woman is pregnant, however, doctors would have an obvious duty to care for her and the baby.

Some have argued that surrogacy can offer hope of a child to a woman who cannot bear children, and that the test-tube baby technique, by making the offspring genetically the product of its parents, even though another woman produces it, makes the technique eithcally more acceptable.

The BMA's ethnicl committee, however, is not opposed to the test-tube baby technique being used to allow another woman to donate an egg to a woman whose ovaries no longer function, allowing her to produce the child. That is seen as no different to the widely practised artificial insemination by donor, where donated sperm is used to make the wife pregnant when her husband is infertile.

Courage of SAS man was kept secret

An SAS soldier who died in a gun battle with IRA men in Dunloy, co Antrim, last week, had been decorated for his bravery in an IRA ambush three years ago.

Sergeant Paul Oram, aged 26, from Gomersal, West Yorkshire, was, according to colleagues, a "special kind of guy".

It is believed that he won the Military Medal after a shooting in the Brandywell area of Londonderry at the height of the 1981 hunger strike. Two Provisional IRA men died and a third was injured after Sergeant Oram's car was stopped by four masked men.

Sergeant Oram was in plain clothes and driving alone when the terrorists overtook his car and forced him to stop.

A gun battle ensued and they riddled his vehicle with shots. His brown Opel car had at least five bullet holes in it, and both windows on the drivers side had been hit.

Charles Maguire, aged 21, and George McBrearty, aged 23, from the Creggan area of Londonderry, died in the shooting, which the Provisional IRA said began after they persued and fired on the car of a "known SAS undercover agent".

Sergeant Oram's bravery remained a secret, as there was no public citation or royal investiture when he won the Military Medal, because of his work in the Province.

Even after last week's shooting, and as the Provisional IRA hailed Declan Martin, aged 18, and Henry Hogan, aged 21, their two dead Dunloy volunteers, as "courageous and dedicated", the Army refused to give any details of his service.

The sergeant, who was married with a baby daughter, had explained his work by telling his family that he was "just doing a job for Maggie". He will be buried later this week.



Head start: Mr Len Sutton, of Pontefract, displaying some of the seventeenth century style armour helmets he is making for next month's three hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebrations of the American state of Maryland (Photograph: Andrew Varley).

Poverty trap tax cuts urged

By David Nicholson-Lord

The low-paid are more heavily taxed in Britain than in any other EEC country, according to a report from the Low Pay Unit published today.

Greece, Denmark and Italy have lower tax thresholds than Britain but their starting rates are only 6, 14 and 18 per cent, compared with the UK's 30 per cent basic tax rate.

The report comes as the Chancellor is considering raising tax thresholds in the Budget by more than the inflation rate in an attempt to lift several hundred thousand people out of the "poverty trap" and increase the incentive to work.

The unit calls for the reintroduction of a reduced tax band, at 25 per cent, on the first £2,000 of income, coupled with a 33 per cent rise in personal allowances. It says that taxes have reached record levels under the Conservative Government, with cost of the impact falling on the worst-off.

Those earning more than £21,000 a year, three times the average wage, now pay less tax than in 1979 and taxes on wealth, such as capital transfer and capital gains tax, contribute a quarter less to the Exchequer, the reoprt, *Setting Record Taxes Straight*, says.

While a family on 10 times the average wage has had its tax bill cut by a quarter, the tax burden on the low-paid has doubled. Of families considered poor enough to receive Family Income Supplement, 85 per cent pay income tax. The comparable figure for those in the "poverty trap" in April 1978 was 62 per cent.

The unit suggests paying for its budget proposals by abolishing the ceiling on employee national insurance contributions

An extra £250m could be recouped by allowing tax relief on mortage interest, retirement annuity premiums and employees' pension contributions only at the standard rate.

Avalanche kills two in Snowdonia

By Tim Jones

Two climbers were hurled 1,000ft to their deaths when an avalanche crashed down on them as they approached a 3,000ft summit in Snowdonia at the weekend. Two other members of the party, who were climbing the Black Ladders area if the ice-covered Carneddau mountain, escaped with injuries and shock.

The dead men were Mr Brian William Evans, aged 36, of Combe Hay, Avon, and Mr Alan Willcock, aged 40, of Cookley, Kidderminster, of Hereford and Worcester.

Mr Alan Wheeler of Thirmere Crescent, Fleet, Hampshire, who fractured his ankle, dragged himslef down the mountain to raise the alarm. The other survivor, Mr Anthony Scott, of Redland Road, Bristol, was taken to hospital in Bangor with severe shock and face injuries.

Mr Scott and the two dead climbers were discovered as darkness was falling on Saturday night by another climbing party who heard calls for help. One of the party overook Mr Wheeler on his way to get help

Operating in darkness with fine snow falling and sub-zero temperatures making conditions dangerous, the Ogwen Valley mountain rescue team reached the scene more than four hours after the alarm had been raised. A helicopter from 22 Squadron, RAF Valley, took Mr Scott to hospital.

Building bricks from straw

The London Brick Company is planning to make bricks out of straw, Jeremy Warner writes.

The announcement of a new "super fletton" brick using chopped straw has been timed in an attempt to persuade shareholders to reject a £250m takeover bid by Hanson Trust which will be settled tomorrow.

The new brick, which is to start production next year, is said to have all the characteristics of a high quality and expensive non-fletton facing brick. However, the new brick has the cost advantage of using the rich fletton clay which "fires itself" while being baked allowing for substantial energy savings.

Yearning for taste of roast beef

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The consumer revolt that began with the Campaign for Real Ale and later turned to bread and cheese now looks like spreading to beef.

The Meat and Livestock Commission will announce next week the results of an investigation, using consumer tasting panels, into the quality of beef from different types of cattle.

The term "Real Beef" will not be permissible because beef is beef, whatever breed of cattle it comes from. But many people feel that the British national dish is not what it was, and that, as much as its price, is why they are buying less of it.

The commission is concerned about inconsistency. Beef is now largely a by-product of dairy farming which has recently proved far more profitable than beef production.

As a result, the dominant cattle strains in Britain are the black and white Friesian and Holstein. Both are admirable milk producers, but their male offspring, kept in indoor pens, and fattened mainly on grain, do not measure up to our native grass-fed breeds when it comes to tenderness and flavour.

For this reason, big continental bulls have found favour in recent years.

Cancer team searches for next leap forward

By Thomas Prentice, Science Correspondent

An international team of scientists, whose significant new findings relating to leukaemia in chickens were announced earlier this month, is now preparing to search for a link with some forms of human cancer.

The team, led by members of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, has established an important connextion between hormone-like substances called growth factors, which are necessary for normal cell growth, and cancer-producing genes, known as encogenes, in chickens. That discovery was described as "another leap forward in understanding the basis of cancer" by *Nature*, the scientific journal, which published the findings on February 9.

The journal pointed out, however, that "a definite link to human cancer remains elusive". It is that link which the team is now trying to find. A search of tissue samples of some human cancers will be started soon to look for possible defects in cell growth factors and their receptors.

This week, Dr Michael Waterfield, head of the protein chemistry department at the fund, will be in the United States to discuss the next phase of research with Dr Axel Ullrich, of the Genentech Laboratories in San Francisco, and Dr Joseph Schlessinger, of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

The scientists at Genentech are among the world's most highly skilled in genetic engineering, and they will play the leading role in the next stage of the joint research.

The study of chicken leukaemia revealed last December how an invading virus attached itself to chicken cells and "subverted" the nucleus with misleading information. This led the nucleus to make a defective growth receptor, which in turn sent "rogue" signals back. Instead of normal growth of new cells, the nucleus produced abnormal numbers of cells producing leukaemia.

The question then facing Dr Waterfield and his colleagues was, among many others, does the same subversive process occur in some human cancers without the influence of a virus? And, perhaps, a long way after that question has been answered, if so, how and why does it occur in humans?

The human body contains ten million, million cells, each with its own complex structure. Inside each cell is a nucleus, or control centre, containing the inherited message of life itself. That message, known as DNA, can be likened to a computer tape consisting of 30,000 million characters, or letters. Each cell mucleus receives and transmits messages which determine normal growth, through a little-understood network which includes growth factors and receptors, or "locks" and "keys".

The main part of the next research phase, centred at Genentech, will be attempting to define the complete structure of a normal "lock".

Normal cell reproduction

Normal cell	Nucleus tells cell to produce receptor	Receptor receives 'growth factor' from another cell	'Locked' receptor and growth factor tell nucleus to divide cell	Cell divides etc

Leukaemia in chickens

Normal cell	Virus attaches to cell	Virus sends rogue signal to nucleus	Nucleus makes defective receptor	Defective receptor sends continuous growth signal to nucleus	Cell divides into cells with defective receptors. . . in abnormal numbers

Campaign to keep whisky up to strength

The Scotch Whisky Association is seeking a statutory minimum 70 proof strength (40 per cent alcohol) for all whisky produced and bottled in Scotland. It believes that low strength brands – some sold abroad are less tha n 30 per cent alcohol – are damaging whisky's image. (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

There is no law against watering down whisky, provided that the strength is stated on the label.

Mr Edward Butler, whose firm markets Highland Prince whisky (37.2m per cent alcohol) has said he will take the Government to court if it introduces regulations.

One difficulty with a minimum limit is that the British market would be open to imports of brands blended and diluted on the Continent, and in North America and Japan.

Smoking in Britain: 1

Breaking the 'bizarre' tobacco habit

Wednesday has been designated "National No Smoking Day" by organizations including the Health Education Council and British Medical Association. Smokers will be encouraged to stop the habit, at least for a day. But as Thomson Prentice, Our Science Correspondent, reports, in the first of a three-part series, smoking is declining. He explains why, and examines some likely developments.

The Royal College of Physicians said two months ago that at least 100,000 people in Britain die prematurely each year from smoking cigarettes. If the habit does not change, by the year 2000 another 1,700,000 people, equivalent to the combined populations of Birmingham and Glasgow, will have been killed by tobacco-related diseases.

Fortunately, the death toll which the college described as "an avoidable holocaust", is unlikely to be so high. Smoking is a dying habit which claims huge, but declining, numbers of victims.

In the past three years, more than a million Britons have given up cigarettes, joining almost 10 million former smokers. Between 1972 and 1982, the proportion of adult males who smoke fell from 52 per cent to 38 per cent, while among women, the percentage dropped from 41 to 33.

Although between 16 and 17 million adults smoke, they have been a minority since 1976, a peak year for cigarette consumption. Then, male smokers had on average 129 cigarettes a week, and women smokers an average of 101. In 1982, the figures were 121 for men, and 98 for women.

Sales of cigarettes fell from 130,500 million to 102,000 million between 1972 and 1982, a 22 per cent decrease.

The crucial question being examined by the health professions and tobacco industry is: Will the trend continue? One camp wonders how that trend can be encouraged and accelerated? While the othe questions how it can be checked, if not reversed?

Mr Mike Daube, senior lecturer in health education at Edinburgh University, said that by 2010, less than 10 per cent of adults will smoke and Britain will be "very close to being a smoke-free society."

"Eventually it will be impossible for future generations to comprehend that millions of us smoked, knowing that we risked and suffered fatal disease in vast numbers as a result.

"It will seem as bizare and useless a habit as we now consider the bleeding of people with leeches to have been a couple of centuries ago."

Cigarette smoking, a habit acquired by the British from the Turks during the Crimean War, grew in popularity at the end of the Victorian era. By the end of the First World War more cigarettes were sold than pipe tobacco.

Few women smoked before the Second World War, but by 1956, 42 per cent had taken up cigarettes. It was in the early 1950s that the first evidence of the health hazards of smoking were identified.

The decline of smoking, which began in the 1970s can be explained by several factors.

Taxation was increased five times in succession between 1974 and 1977, and sales dropped 10 per cent.

The emphasis on health hazards became much more emphatic. The Royal College of Physicians issued its initial warning report in 1965; cigarette advertisements were banned from television in 1965; the college issued its second report in 1971. It then set up Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) which has grown in influence ever since, working closely with organizations such as the Health Education Council and the Scottish Health Education Unit.

The decline has coincided with, and been assisted by, growing public consciousness of health.

The tobacco industry feels it has been punished enough. It spends more than £100 a year in Britain on advertising, sales promotions and sports and arts sponsorship. It contributed almost £4,000m in tobacco taxes in 1981.

A fierce propaganda war is being fought by both sides. In the words of one health expect, "Britain has become the major battlefied, and the outcome will have worldwide implications."

Sales of cigars and cigarillas have declined less sharply than those of cigarettes in recent years. In 1974, 1,765 million were sold, compared with 1,695 million in 1980.

But cigarette smokers who switch to small cigars run almost the same risk. Research has indicated that most such smokers inhale cigar smoke, which has a higher tar content.

Long-term cigar smokers, however, tend not to inhale and ingest less tar than an average cigarette smoker.

Portuguese find fake port hard to swallow

From Martha de la Cal
Lisbon

Wines of inferior quality or table wines are being produced and sold in Spain by about 60 companies illegally using the trademark of Portuguese port wine, according to the Ministry of Trade and Tourism here.

The Spanish "port" producers are a varied lot. At one time they included the Discalced Carmelites, who market their products under the name of Carmelitano Port until they were advised it was illegal and shut down.

The Spanish bottles look genuine but lack the special seal attached to bottles or real port produced in Portugal for centuries in the Douro valley round the city of Oporto.

Under a 1972 agreement, Spain is required to import already bottled port with the special seal attached in Portugal. Spanish producers are not allowed to use the trade name "port" on their bottles of wine, as they have been doing.

"We are suffering heavy losses because of this", said a Portuguese diplomat. "The Spanish producers have been using our famous brand name to hoodwink the 40 million tourists who come to Spain each year and sell them inferior wine".

Portugal lodged many diplomatic protests over the use of the trademark, but Spain took little action to stop it. In 1983 the Portuguese Port Wine Institute took the case to the International Court in The Hague.

Representative of the two countries met in Lisbon recently and came to an agreement under which Spain promised to stamp out the sale of false port. Companies caught labelling their wine as port would be fined and their identities made public.

Spain imported only 2,000 hectolitres (44,000 gallons) of genuine port wine from Portugal in 1983 - a small drop of the total 582,444 hectolitres exported by Portugal. Portugal's exports depend heavily on port wine, which brought in £70m in foreign exchange in 1983.

Many other countries, including China, are making their own "port" or mixing genuine port imported from Portugal with inferior wine to make the product cheaper.

The Trade Ministry claimed some companies in The Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark, with which Portugal has bilateral agreements to protect their trademarks, are falsifying imported port. "We have detected this by analysing samples of port sold in those countries", the Commerce Ministry said.

Hopes rise in Hongkong as British officials meet

From David Bonavia, Hongkong

Sir Edward Youde, the Governor of Hongkong, conferred here yesterday with senior British officials amid signs that negotiations with China over the territory's future were going better than expected.

Sir Richard Evans, the British ambassador to China, and Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office with responsibility for Hongkong affairs, had confidential talks with Sir Edward yesterday morning. Several Hongkong government officials, including Sir Philip Haddon-Cave, the Chief Secretary, also attended.

Asked whether this conference marked distinct progress towards an outline agreement, an informed source said: "A general agreement can be reached without necessarily being viewed as no more than an interim agreement."

The source indicated that many technical questions and matters of detail remained to be sorted out, but added: "As in commercial negotiations, the hardest bits can be left till the end."

The fundamental bargain struck by Britain and China is evidently on the lines that Britain will recognize Chinese sovereignty and right of administration of Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories from July 1, 1997.

China, for its part, will guarantee to allow the territory to continue with its capitalist system, British-based laws and free-and-easy life style for 50 years from 1997 though vice and gambling may be repressed more thoroughly than at present.

This has been promised many times by high Chinese officials, though it is impossible to foresee what the Chinese Government of the twenty-first century will make of the agreements of its predecessors in the 1980s.

Influential local personalities and business leaders are largely agreed that Hongkong is being promised the best deal it could hope for, in view of the expiry of the lease on the economically vital New Territories, leased to Britain by the Manchu court in Peking in 1898.

Most controversial are likely to be the means whereby the Government of Hongkong can be gradually made more direcly responsible to the population by holding elections to key bodies, especially the legislative Council. Chinese and British views on the functions of elections could easily clash.

The Chinese proposal is to give Hongkong internal autonomy, with authority wielded by elected representatives of the local people, 99 per cent of whom are Chinese, but only if they are approved by Peking.

This is the halfway to saying that elections in Hongkong after its reversion to Chinese sovereignty may be as perfunctory and irrelevant as the elections held in China for appointments to administrative organs other than the Communist Party.

Elections held in Hongkong under British supervision in the period up to 1997 would have to be more liberal than those on the mainland, if only because of Britain's own parliamentary tradition and its previous experience of the decolonization process.

The latest proposal for bringing the sovereignty issue before the general public is for an open debate in the Legislative Council about the terms of the 1997 settlement. Since no Legislative Council members are at present elected but are chosen either *Ex Officio* or at the discretion of the Governor, the debate is unlikely to be controversial.

However, if the electoral system – at present confined to the urban council and district boards dealing with low-level administrative matters – is extended to affect the Legislative Council, or even the all-powerful Executive Council, a new element of political debate could be introduced into this notoriously apolitical society.

Bank draught: Mr Roy Ashford outside the Kings Head bank (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Last orders at village bank

By Michael Horsnell

One of the more tantalising pleasures of rural life in the Suffolk village of Bildeston for the past 30 years has been to find a queue at the bank.

The wise customer would then withdraw to the saloon bar in an adjoining room and order a drink. For Barclays, the only bank in the village, rents a room at the King's Head public house.

Unhappily, the hostelry closed three weeks ago and is up for sale. And now the bank, which opens for two hours every Friday, proposes to close its unusual sub-branch. There are three other public houses in Bildeston, but for many villagers the bank's closure will mean hardship.

Its demise is an unusual example of the kind of loss of rural services which worries the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

The branch, staffed by two cashiers on a rota basis from the Hadleigh branch four miles away, will close on March 16, leaving its 50 to 100 customers high and dry because there are no buses to Hadleigh.

Mr Nigel Downing, a local spokesman for Barclays, said the lease on the King's Head premises was expiring and no suitable alternative accommodation could be found

Mrs Margaret Middlehurst, aged 27, a mother of two young children, does not have a car and expects to have to travel the 15 miles to Ipswich by bus (return fare £1). "It's going to be horrendous", she said.

Mr Roy Ashford, aged 89, from nearby Lindsey, a retired accountant who has banked with Barclays for 70 years, has protested to the Hadleigh branch manager. Unable to drive any more, he has no idea what alternative arrangements he will make. "It's very sad", he said.

New exam backed by Joseph

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

The broadening of sixth-form curricula by new "I level" intermediate examinations to be taken in conjunction with A levels will be proposed in a consultative document to be published soon by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education.

The document, which is expected before Easter, will say that the Government is committed to retaining A levels but suggests that 18-year-olds could also take I levels, worth roughly half an A level.

Sir Keith has been persuaded that the A level curriculum is too narrow and that British students specialize too early, missing out completely on either arts or sciences after the age of 16. Sixth-formers taking arts A levels could balance these with an I level in science, or vice versa.

Intermediate level examinations have been mooted before. A consultative paper, *Examinations 16-18*, was published by the Department of Education and Science when Mr Mark Carlisle was Secretary of State in 1980 after a proposal from the discredited and now defunct Schools Council. Sir Keith took over the job the next year and civil servants then had to persuade him of the value of the idea.

Four years ago it met with a reasonably positive response. The feeling now is that the idea has finally arrived. Private soundings by department officials have shown the universities to be more favourably disposed than might be imagined.

The universities would be the real stumbling block to the limited reform being proposed by the Government. Unless admissions officers could be persuaded to set one or two I levels as an entry requirement in addition to or in place of an A level, the idea is unlikely to get far very quickly.

The universities would have to be mindful of whether schools could lay on the extra I level courses. The consultative document will ask schools whether it is practicable for sixth forms with fewer than 120 pupils to provide I levels.

There appears to be little doubt that the new examination would take off in large schools and in independent schools with large sixth forms.

The concern of the universities is a familiar one, whether a broadening of the sixth form curriculum would provide enough depth to prepare sixth formers for a three-year degree course.

Los Angeles playground killer had previous gun conviction

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

The ultimate parental nightmare that saw a gunman take potshots at helpless children in a schoolyard over the weekend should never have been allowed to happen, charged parents and friends of the murdered girl and the 13 others wounded on Friday night in a Los Angeles school.

When the shooting was over Shala Eubanks, aged 10, was dead, 13 others were injured by gunfire which climaxed with the suicide of the sniper, Tyrone Mitchell, aged 28.

Mitchell, whose father, mother and four of his five sisters died with more than 900 others in the Rev Jim Jones mass suicides in Guyana five years ago, had a long history of mental illness, said friends.

Mitchell's uncle Mr Willie Lee, said his nephew was allowed to own a gun. "And when we complained to police," he said, "we were told they couldn't do anything about it until he used it. Well, now he's used it," he said. "This should never have been allowed to happen, never."

Even Los Angeles police deputy Chief Lew Ritter admitted: "Many officers have dealt with him (Mitchell) before. He is a well-known suspect and has a history of being involved with drugs, particularly PCP (the hallucinogenic drug known as Angel Dust).

Mr Ritter admited that Mitchell was known to local police for his irrational behaviour. Only recently, said Mitchell's uncle, his nephew had been arrested for firing three shots into the air. He was fined $200 and put on probation. On another occasion, said neighbours, Mitchell fired his gun at aeroplnes at they came into land at Los Angeles airport.

"Tyrone had a short fuse," said a neighbour. "he could go off at any time."



The killer: Tyrone Mitchell, who turned his gun on himself.



The Victim: Shala Eubanks, aged 10, who died in a playground.

Malaysian leader seeks to expel partner for supporting sultans

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kaula Lumpur

The fallout from Malaysia's constitutional crisis continues. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, wants a coalition partner expelled for not supporting his moves last August to curb the powers of the nine hereditary rulers.

His party executive backed him at the weekend, although most heard of his intention last Monday. The 11 members of the ruling National Front coalition are technically equals and can be expelled only if all agree. But, in practice, the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) dominates the front, as it does the Goverment. And what UMNO wants, UMNO almost always gets.

It is almost certain that on April 15 the United Sabah National Organization (USNO) of Tun Mustapha, the colourful former Chief Minister of Sabah, will be expelled when the front executive meets in Labuan. According to Datuk Seri Mahathir, USNO leaders met the Sultan of Johore, since elected King, in Singapore during the constitutional crisis and organized a petition and challenge in the courts.

Another charge against USNO was that it opposed plans to integrate Labuan as a federal territory. The move was initiated by USNO's arch-enemy, Datuk Harris Salleh, the Sabah Chief Minister, but it has not been passed by Parliament or the Sabah State Assembly. The transfer of power, however, has been fixed for April 16.

Malasia's leaders, whether King, Sultan or Prime Minister, brook no dissent in typical feudal fashion, and advisers who criticize, or challenge, are quickly eased out.

When rumours spread in 1974, that Datuk Harum Idris, then Selangor Mentir Besar (chief minister), might challenge Tun Abdul Razak, the Prime Minister, for the UMNO leadership, he was offered a diplomatic post. But he refused and was charged and jailed for corruption and criminal breach of trust. Now there are reports that Datuk Harum could challenge Datuk Seri Mahathir for the UMNO leadership in May. Datuk Seri Mahathir himseld was expelled in 1969 for critizing the Government.

But his moves against those partners opposed to the curb on the rulers' powers is another indication that everyone is anxious to see how relations are between Sultan Mahmood Iskandar of Johore and the Prime Minister.

UMNO, the National Front and Datuk Seri Mahathir, himself, have not publicly welcomed the Sultan's election as King earlier this month, an unusual lapse in a country known for its effusive expressions of loyalty to its rulers. The expulsion of USNO demonstrates that the bitterness still rankles.

Tighter controls on Australian secret service

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

The Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) is to be more tightly controlled under changes announced at the weekend by Senator Gareth Evans, the Attorney General.

The changes are designed to improve the flow of information between Asio and the government and follow the release of the first report by the Hope Royal Commission into the country's security services.

Under the changes, the Prime Minister and the Attorney General will be briefed from the outset about any espionage investigation. Asio will also have to make detailed submissions to the federal Cabinet's national and international security committee.

The Attorney General will have full access to files in matters of security concern, and Asio will also be required to brief the Attorney General and his department regularly.

Boost for satellite television

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

A revolutionary method of sending and receiving television pictures by satellite has been developed by West Country scientists and will allow two or three times as many signals to be sent on the same satellite channel as would have been possible using other techniques.

The findings are expected to transform the economics of satellite television, according to Dr Martin Tomlinson, head of Communications Engineering at Plymouth Polytechnic, who has led the research group.

The patents are held by the polytechnic although the research has been funded by an undisclosed American high-technology company.

The idea was presented to the government committee studying satellite television, led by Sir Anthony Part whose report recommending another system was published 18 months ago. The Plymouth satellite project was then only theoretical. A working model has been developed in the past nine months at a cost of £100,000 and was put through its final paces on Saturday

Using a video disc player as the scource of the television signal, the picture was successfully beamed to and received back from the Nato satellite III. The technique can be used either by cable television operators sending their channels by satellite or by the operators of a direct broadcasting satellite transmitting pictures to home.

In theory, the Plymouth project could reduce to a third some of the costs of satellite television.

Papers' decision to name foster children upheld

Decisions by the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday* to name two children at the centre of a dispute between their foster parents and council officials were supported by the Press Council yesterday.

The Press Council did not uphold complaints by the London Borough of Croydon that it was improper of the newspapers to publish the names and photographs of two children in the borough council's care without its consent, and was inimical to the children's interests.

The newspapers published reports which said that the children were moved to a Dr Barnardo's home after their foster parents disagreed with Croydon social services department over therapy sessions which, in the foster parents' view, upset the children.

Doctors' dilemma on searches

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Doctors who conduct intimate searches of people for evidence of an offence will risk being disciplined by the General Medical Council (GMC).

The British Medical Association, which is opposed to such searches by doctors, will issue guidance to them when the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill becomes law. If a search is not ethical, the doctor could be reported to the GMC.

Doctors will, however, be able to search for weapons. The bill authorizes an intimate search, not for evidence, but for articles which might be used to cause physical injury while the arrested person is in custody. Police officers of the same sex can carry out the search if one by a doctor is considered not to be practicable.

But a new dilemma for doctors has been created by a statement from Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Home Office, which appears to indicate a loophole in the law.

If a drug concealed was a dangerous one, it might fall within the scope of the Bill as drafted, he said during the Bill's committee stage. He was responding to pressure from Conservative backbenchers who said that the Bill could become a charter for drug traffickers. Drugs are also smuggled in body orifices – as currency to finance IRA terrorism in Britain, they say.

Mr Hurd also said that he would look again at the Bill's wording to see if it covered microdetonators.

His statement appears to open the way to intimate searches for dangerous drugs, since it could be difficult for police to judge if they might be used in custody and their effect, if taken, could be injurious.



Mr Hurd: Drugs loophole.

The doctor's dilemma would be in deciding when the person suspected of concealing a dangerous drug intended to use it. If it was intended for use during custody, the search could be ethical; if it was intended for future use, the doctor could be in trouble.

The BMA believes that all intimate searches should be carried out by qualified medical practitioners.

However, the BMA told *The Times* that there would be a risk of injury to a suspect, particularly if struggling, as a result of a clumsy search by someone not properly qualified.

The restrictions imposed by the Bill do not, however, cover customs officers at airports, ports, or in a dock area, who operate under separate legislation. Intimate searches, although stated to be rare, are made by officers of the same sex as the suspect. In Northern Ireland, and person travelling from or to any place on or beyond the boundary can be searched by customs officers.

Canberra steers new course after Invincible

Canberra (Reuter) – Friendly warships will not have to declare whether they are carrying nuclear weapons when they visit Australian ports under policy guidelines announced yesterday.

But the Government will have the final say on whether they can use dry dock facilities. The key passage in the guidelines from the Defence Minister Mr Gordon Scholes, said requests for the use of a dry dock "will have to be considered on their own merits, taking into account technical and safety factors, and the strategic and operational circumstances obtaining at the time".

The statement followed weeks of controversy after HMS Invincible was refused access to a Naval dry dock in Sydney

Mr Scholes said the guidlines were adopted after talks with the US and Britain whose governments have a policy of neither confirming nor denying the pressure of nuclear weapons. We accept the reasons for that policy.

"Australia would not in any way endanger the safety of any allied of friendly ship or crew in need of access to Australian facilities."

Workers split over anti-inflation package

Socialist blow to Italian unions

From John Earle, Rome

Italy's trade union leaders suffered serious defeat last week which split their movement after presenting a united front towards employers and government for 12 years.

The three confederations which claim to represent eight million out of 14 million workers divided in their response to a government decree cutting the system of automatic wage indexing. It was opposed by the Communist majority in the biggest confederation, CGIL, with more than four million members.

But CGIL's Socialist minority and the other two confederations – the Catholic CISL, with more then two million members, and the Socialist-Republican-Social Democrat UIL with 1.5 million members – accepted the cut as part of an anti-inflation package.

Other features in the package include promises of a one-year rent freeze, temporary price limits on certain basic articles and services, improved family allowances, new jobs in the South, more severe measures against tax evasion, and a fall in the cost of money.

Signor Bettino Craxi's Government claims that the package will help to reduce inflation from nearly 15 per cent last year to 10 per cent this year, and then to 7 per cent and 5 per cent in successive years.

On present trends, the cuts in the quarterly wage indexation system will take 224,000 lire (£94) out of individual pay this year. CISL and UIL maintain that this loss in purchasing power will be more than made up by other elements in the package.

The cuts, which take effect immediately, have brought protest demonstrations in factories and city centres throughout the country and disruption to rail and air traffic. Blows and scuffles habe been reported among shop stewards from different confederations.

CGIL's Communist leaders say this is a spontaneous reaction from workers who already took a cut in the wage index system under what proved a disappointing anti-inflation package agreed by the unions, empoyers and a previous coalition government on January 22 last year.

The others maintain that this reaction has been manipulated for political reasons by the Communist Party, which promises all-out opposition when the decrees embodying most of the measures are debated in Parliament.

Signor Giorgio Benvenuto, the Socialist secretary-general of UIL, Says personal relations at the top level of the three confederations have remained good, even if the movement as a whole is in disarray and relations on the shop floor are bad. He promises that his confederation will be active in "promoting new rules for the game, to enable us to live together".

There was, in his view, no real alternative to accepting the Government's anti-inflation package. Street demonstration swould be counter-productive. There was no point in "bringing half a million people to Rome just to shout against inflation".

He believed that the Communist party's support for the protests would boomerang and leave it politically isolated from all the other parties,

If there are no ambushes and defections in parliament from his coalition allies, Signor Craxi should be able to get his package of measures into law.

Scavengers fall on the garbage of a retreating army

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Abu Mustapha inherited America's land base in Lebanon yesterday. A burly man with a huge black beard and the smile of a giant, he drove through the rusting metal barrier of the abandoned Marines headquarters in a stolen Lebanese Army personnel carrier with a picture of Imam Moussa Sadr plastered across the front.

He is a 26-year-old Baalbek man whose Shia Muslim militiamen actually saluted him when he turned to look at the last US troops sailing out sea. "We're here to stop anyone taking over", he shouted. "Welcome." *Sic transit gloria.*

The first thing they found were the body bags left behind by the American, heavy green plastic sheets that were dutifully paraded before a beaming Abu Mustapha. The scavengers were at work across the bunkers and sandbagged emplacements even before the last Marines had left the beach. They came out of the ground, out of the man-made-shell-proof holes, with old chairs and boxes of dehydrated food and mattresses and American milk, ignoring the two beautifully groomed sad old dogs which lay panting in the sun by a bunker labelled "Hotel Company", waiting for their faithless masters to return.

There were old copies of *Stars and Stripes*, a million and a half sandbags, some empty beer cans and the words "Bronx-Manhattan-New Jersey" spray-painted on a wall. That was what the Americans bequeathed to Lebanon yesterday.

Perhaps the rubbish that retreating armies leave behind does not tell you much about them. For the Marines were decent young men for the most part, very young, desperate to be liked hopelessly ignorant of the world to which their President had sent them.

They shrugged when you asked them what they thought had gone wrong. Some said it was the Lebanese Army. They could not understand how soldiers would refuse to obey orders. "It just didn't work out", one said.

Staff Sergeant Jerry Elokonich, who turned out to be the very last Marine to leave, was quite whimsical. "We did our job", he said, "and you see that surf down there? That tells it all."

Not quite, for there were ghosts left behind around the Marine perimeter. Without memorial, the Americans left a broken concrete platform beside the airport, all that remains of that dreadful day in October when 241 Marines showed Americans how bloody was their travail in Lebanon, slaughtered by enemies who longed to see Mr Reagan's Army leave.

Up on the hills behind the remnants of that Army yesterday, a phosphorous shell exploded like a memento, a fluffy white cloud that drifted cynically along the mountain ridge to remind the Americans of the war they failed to stop. Their militia enemies had surrounded them in the last days. Where were their enemies now?

The American Navy found some an hour after the last Marines were at sea. They brought the old battleship New Jersey leeward to the shore for one last, long bombardment, to the astonishment of the Lebanese basking along the beach. What they were firing at high up in the mountains, noone seemed to know but it had no effect on the Shia Muslim militiamen who calmly drove into the last American bastion on the tide-line and hoisted a green Islamic flag where the Stars and Stripes had been lowered so few hours before.

Thus the Americans left yesterday, their last boats trailing a wake through the green water to the sound of gunfire. They came, they saw and they went away again, not with a whimper but a bang.



Last in waves: Goodbye to Beirut from a group of US marines wading to a landing craft.

Israel to continue Lebanon bombing

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv

Isreal yesterday served notice that its forces in Lebanon would remain on the Awali river line for the present and would continue the controversial armoured patrols and aerial bombardments in areas they evacuated last year to prevent Palestinian guerrillas from returning there.

Briefing the media after the weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, Mr Dan Meridor, the Cabinet secretary, said that discussions about Lebanon commenced two weeks ago had been concluded. "Various ideas were discussed and the Cabinet did not see fit to adopt operative decisions. Isreal will contiune its current policies in Lebanon," he stated.

Details of the discussion were kept secret as the meeting was described as session of the ministerial security committee. However, a report in the newspaper *Haaretz* before the meeting claimed that five ministers included Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, had planned to oppose the stepped up patrols and air raids, which they claimed caused unnecessary complications, risked Israeli casualties and hurt the country's image abroad.

The official statement implied that this thinking was rejected by the Cabinet.

Sources say the Government was awaiting clarification of the fate of the May 17, 1983, agreement with the Lebanese Government which provides for coordination between the two countries on security arrangements. If the Gemayel Government abrogates the agreement, as seems probable, the Israelis will be released from their committment and will look to their own security.

41-month long Gulf war

Iran fails to break costly stalemate

By Hazhir Teimourian

After claims and counter-claims from Tehran and Baghdad throughout the weekend, it seemed last night that Iran had failed to achieve a military breakthrough in its 41-month war with Iraq, and thus the stalemate that has cost hundreds of thousands of lives on both sides continued.

Iran's new attacks, which were launched in three places, were concentrated in the southern and middle sectors of the two countries' common border, to the north-west of the Iraqi port of Basra and opposite the Iranian town of Dehloran, 150 miles to the north.

Iran claimed that its forces had penetrated 15 miles inside Iraqi territory and had wiped out much of Iraq's 19th Infantry Division, while Iraq claimed that it had repulsed the latest Iranian assaults. According to Iranian military communiqués broadcast over Tehran radio, some 7,000 Iraqi troops had died during the fighting of the past seven days, which had been amongst the heaviest of the whole war. The Iraqis, for their part, claimed 14,500 Iranian dead, a claim which was reported to be much exaggerated in the opinion of reliable observers in Tehran.

The Iranians dropped earlier claims that they had captured the town of Al Qurah, to the north of Basra, which was found to be safely in Iraqi hands on Friday. However, they said their forces had consolidated their positions in oil-rich islands in the marshlands of southern Iraq which they had captured in the earliest phase of their latest offensive.

Further Iranian attacks were hinted at in Tehran yesterday in a broadcast speech by the Speaker of the Majlis (parliament), Mr Hashemi Rafsanjani.

For the first time over the past three years, the Iraqi Air Force was said to have carried out widespread ground attacks in defence of Iraqi troops. It also bombed a number of Iranian towns, including the Iranian Kurdish centre of Mahabad near the northern sector of the front, where 15 civilians were reported killed.

Other developments included a renewing of support for Iraq's war effort by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who personally telephoned President Saddam Hussain of Iraq, the execution in Tehran of 10 military members of the Tudeh Communist Party of Iran, including the former commander of the Iranian Navy, Captain Bahram Afzali, and a tilt in Soviet propaganda towards Iraq.

In a Soviet television programme on Saturday, a commentator said that Iran's Islamic leadership had eliminated all opposition and halted social reforms. The commentator did not refer to Iraq's domestic politics.

Palestinians seek West Bank unity

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Leaders of the 1.3 million Palestinians under Israeli occupation will exert strong pressure on King Husain of Jordan and Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to reach agreement on a coordinated strategy during their talks, which resumed in Amman yesterday after nearly a year.

In a move of great potential significance for the deadlocked peace process, Mr Arafat arrived in the Jordanian capital for the first time since talks between the two leaders collapsed last April under bitter Syrian and Libyan opposition. He was greeted at the airport by Mr Ahmed Obeidat, the Prime Minister, and later had his first meeting with the King.

Although fraught with difficulties, the renewed talks are seen as strengthening the possibility of the emergence of a "moderate" Arab block, including Egypt, Iraq, the PLO and possibly Saudi Arabia, which might be capable of devising a joint plan for negotiations with Israel.

Any such move would increase pressure on the United States to try to persuade Israel to soften its stand over the occupied West Bank.

It is understood that about 80 prominent Palestinians including Mr Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem, Mr Rashad as-Shawa, the deposed Mayor of Gaza, and Mr Abu Zalef, owner of the largest Arabic-language newspaper in annexed East Jerusalme, have signed a petition urging the King and Mr Arafat to coordinate their stand over the West Bank.

It gives warning of the danger posed by increasing Jewish colonization there.

Avalanches kill six climbers

Grenoble (Reuter) – Six skiers, five French and one Spanish, were reported killed over the weekend in the French Alps and the Andorran Pyrenees.

The French skiers died when an avalanche near the Alpine town of Chamrousse engulfed them on Saturday, French police said.

In Andorra, three Spanish skiers were swept away by an avalanche yesterday at the Pic du Blas de l'Estany near the French border, Andorran police said.

Two of the men dug themselves out but the third had stopped breathing by the time rescuers arrived.

Briton shot dead in Tehran

The Foreign Office confirmed last night that a British businessman had been shot dead in Tehran in what is thought to be a case of mistaken identity (Henry Stanhope writes).

The man is said to have been murdered when be was leaving home in the morning during the weekend.

Garden for the blind

Paris, (AFP)–The city of Paris is to build a special garden for the blind, to be filled with strong-scented plants and Braille plaques identifying them, city officials announced.

Ghana's needs

Accra, (Reuter) – Ghana needs 620,000 tonnes of food this year just to ensure bare survival, government leaders have told diplomats and aid agencies in Accra, the Ghana newsagency said.

No winner in lorry dispute

Mitterrand rides out drivers' challenge

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Opinion differs in France over who, if anyone, won the lorry drivers' blockade, but not even the far right has gone as far as some of the British press in portraying it as a dramatic prelude to the Government's downfall.

The lorry dispute was not directly aimed at President Mitterrand's Government, except in so far as some believed that railway transport had been favoured under the Socialists at the expense of road transport, which accounts for 50 per cent of the nation's freight haulage. The drivers themselves insisted that their action was not "political".

The spark which set off the explosion was the blocking of the Alpine passes into Italy caused by the Italian customs officials' dispute, and the long delays in customs clearance on both sides of the border. In addition, there were long-standing grievances over rigid controls on drivers' working hours – introduced under President Giscard d'Estaing – and the high tax on diesel fuel, which the present Government had already undertaken to cut by half by 1985.

Naturally, the dispute was not good for the Government's image, and there was a moment a week ago, after the police and Army had been sent in to clear the juggernauts blocking access to the Mont Blanc tunnel, when it looked as if things could turn nasty.

But the Government soon realised that force was not going to be the best way to settle the dispute.

It may have adopted the wrong tactics at first, but it was caught unawares, like everyone else. No one had seen this explosion coming, not even the lorry drivers. On the whole, the Government seems to have managed a difficult situation reasonably well.

The dispute ended, thanks more to the cold, discomfort, and divisions among the drivers than to the Government's brilliance. Concessions were made; more fundamental demands will be discussed in talks starting today. But there seems no clear winner of loser.

Delhi braced for violence today after Punjab gun squad murders

Delhi (AP and AFP) – Eight men armed with submachine-guns murdered two women and a two-year-old boy yesterday in Punjab state, only one day before Sikh agitators plan to burn part of the Indian Constitution in a bonfire outside Parliament.

Radical Hindus, protesting against the Sikh bonfire, have called a general strike in the capital today and put up posters showing Hindus murdered by Sikh terrorists in Punjab's communal violence, which has claimed at least 79 lives in the last 13 days.

Security was tightened in Delhi on all roads, around Sikh and Hindu shrines, and at key telephone, power, water, transport installations.

If violence explodes today in the capital, the Government is expected to react strongly. It could order the Army, already on alert, into Punjab to clear terrorists and arsenals out of the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the Sikh holy city.

In yesterday's shooting eight unidentified men entered a house in Pheowal village, 30 miles from Amritsar, and opened fire with submachine-guns and revolvers, killing a woman, her daughter-in-law and her grandson, the United News of India reported. A fourth family member was seriously injured.

It was not immediately known if the victims and attackers were Hindus or Sikhs, since the press is deliberately not givng religious affiliations in order not to fan the violence.

On Saturday the violence continued when Sikhs threw two grenades at paramilitary troops from Delhi deployed outside the Golden Temple. The attackers fled and no one was hurt, but elsewhere in Punjab six Hindus were found killed and another was murdered in Sikh-Hindu clashes.

In Delhi, the Rharatiya Janata Party, with Hindu support, announced it would go ahead with a peaceful "general strike" today despite appeals from President Zail Singh, who is a Sikh, and others.

The Akali Dal party, rejecting appeals for peace, announced that five leaders would burn Article 25 of the constitution, which classifies Sikhs as a Hindu sect. The Sikhs want to be considered a separate religion, distinct from Hindus and with special privileges.

Although they will not be allowed near parliament, they intend to build the bonfire as near as possible. Officials say they will probably be detained before they reach Delhi.

Voters defy threat of violence in Basque poll

From Richard Wigg
Vitoria

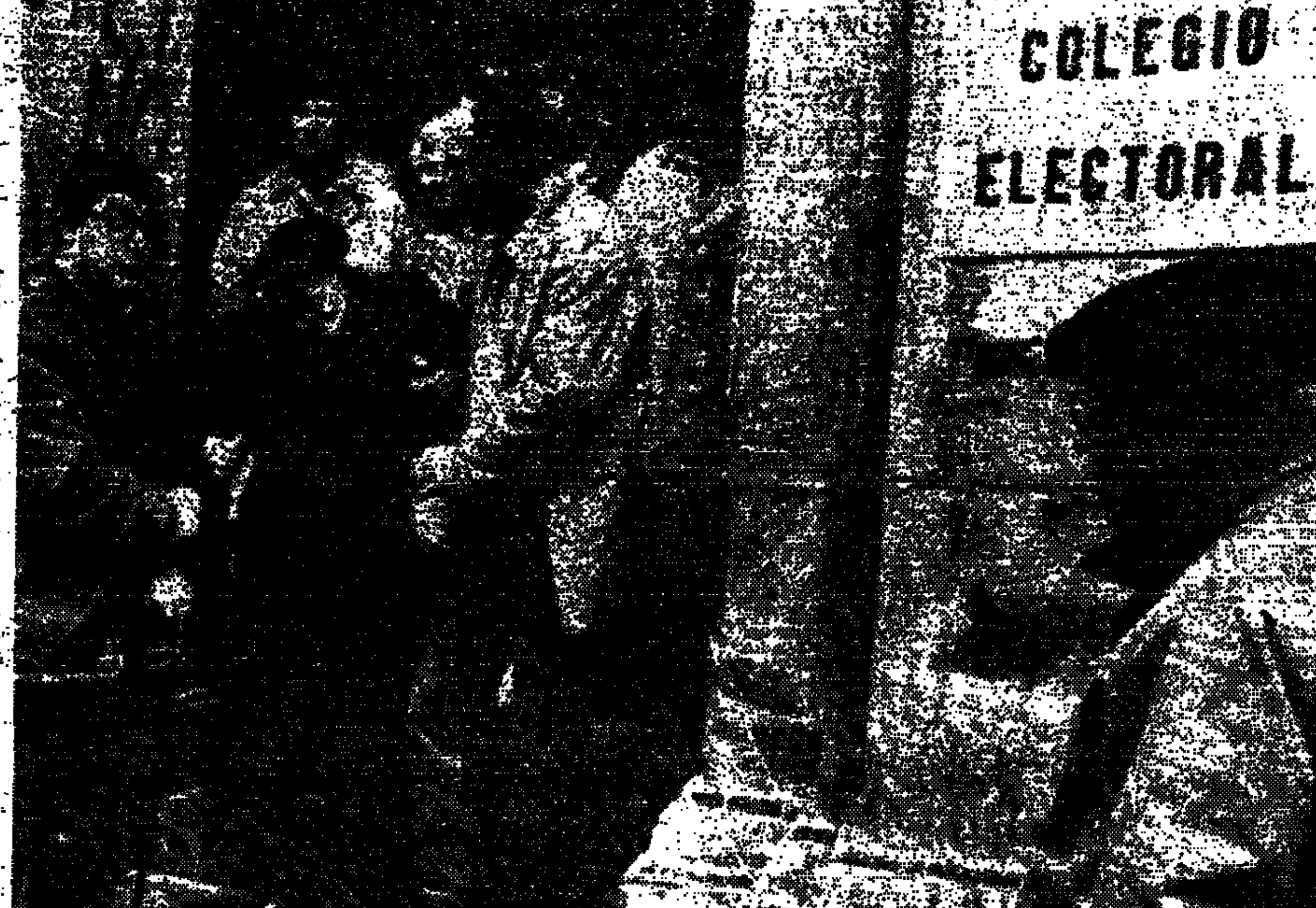
Against a background of mounting terrorism, Basques voted yesterday in a general election which has been turned by the violence into a gauge of their belief in democracy.

The slow turn-out initially worried the politicians. But two hours before the polls closed a voter participation of just under 60 per cent was reported by the Basque autonomous government's interior minister.

More than 5,000 national and Basque police had been mobilized to counter the threat of violence. Only one and a half million votes were involved but the outcome was being watched by the Socialist Government in Madrid as a verdict on its handling of the terroroist problem, seen as crucial for the survival of democracy in the country.

In a second brutal intervention in the elections for a Basque autonomous government, a suspected ETA leader was murdered by a gunman using a rifle with telescopic sights at Mauléon, just across the border in south-west France on Saturday.

Tension in the Basque region had still not abated from Thursday's murder of a leading Socialist candidate in San Sebastian. Responsibility was claimed by the so-called Autonomous Anti-Capitalist Commandos, which are close to ETA.



Every vote counts: In an unexpectedly high poll, Basques of all ages turned out yesterday to place their cross.

The latest killing was apparently carried out by the shadowy Liberation from Terrorism Groups (Gal).

There were in all three violent deaths and four more seriously injured at the hands of rival terrorist groups or the police during the fortnight-long Basque election campaign.

Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Minister, condemned the latest killing, but Basque extreme left-wing nationalist groups went on the rampage on Saturday night maintaining that the Madrid Government was behind the "death squad" tactics of GAL.

Señor Carlos Garaicccchea, the outgoing Chief Minister fighting for reelection as the middle-of-the-road Basque Nationalist Party candidate, signalled his alarm at the threatening breakdown of the rule of law in the region.

Not mincing his words, the Basque leader said: "This matter of GAL; either it is cleared up or it is a disgrace for the Spanish and French governments".

No one in his region, he added, could believe in a total absence of clues about GAL's identity after investigations reportedly made by the police forces of the two countries

No serious disturbances were reported during the polling but 10 members of the Basque extreme left-wing nationalist People's Unity coalition wer arrested in Bilbao yesterday while attempting to put up posters referring to the latest political killing near a polling booth. Five people were detained in similar circumstances in San Sabastian.

Angolans deny violating ceasefire

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The fate of the tentative ceasefire along the Angola-Nambia border was still uncertain last night after an emergency weekend meeting deep in the southern Angolan bush between Angolan and South African officials. They had met to investigate Pretoria's complaints about large-scale guerrilla infiltration across the frontier.

There was no immediate word from South African sources on the outcome of the meeting, held at the small town of Cuvelai, about 120 miles inside Angola.

The joint Luanda-Pretoria monitoring commission, set up at a tripartite meeting with the United States in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, on February 16, was due to have met on March 1, but was brought forward because of South Africa's claim that Swapo was jeopardizing the ceasefire agreement.

Under the Lusaka pact, South Africa is to complete the withdrawal of its forces from southern Angola begun on January 31.

Angola, for its part, undertook to see to it that Swapo guerrillas remain in their bases further north and do not move south as Pretoria pulls out.

South Africa claims this understanding is being flouted by about 800 guerrillas, of whom 200 have already crossed into northern parts of Namibia.

New Hampshire countdown

Battered Glenn tries to keep punching

From Nicholas Ashford
Rochester, New Hampshire

For a man who has already suffered one bad beating and could soon be out for the count, Senator John Glenn looked remarkably relaxed and optimistic as he pumped hands with potential voters in a shopping mall here.

"We're thumbs up on this thing," he told a crowd of weekend shoppers who tried to peer at the former astronaut through the phlanx of TV camera teams and Secret Service men who surrounded him.

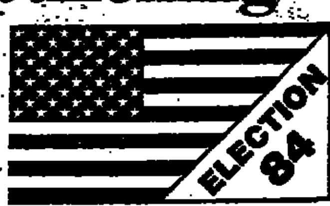
"I believe your Yankee independ:nce is going to come through on Tuesday," he added, to the cheers of placard-carrying supporters.

Tomorrow is the day when the people of New Hampshire vote in the state presidential primary, the first of 1984 election campaign. The outcome is not only expected reduce the field in the race for the Democaritc nomination by as much as half, but will also decide whether Senator Glenn has any chance of recovering from the body-blow he suffered in Iowa a week ago.

The conventional wisdom among political observers – shared by Mr Glenn's campaign staff – is that, unless he can finish in second place tomorrow night, he will have little chance of making a comeback on "super-Tuesday" (March 13) when 10 states hold primaries and caucuses.

In the past few days of hectic campaigning round the "granite state", Mr Glenn has sought to dismiss the Iowa result, in which he finished in fifth place, as a temporary aberration.

Clutching a chocolate-fudge cake inscribed "Glenn 84" given him by a supporter, the Ohio senator said: "We had a loss in Iowa, but it was a different situation there. The



people who voted there were liberal activists."

Mr Glenn's constantly repeated message – "I need your help on Tuesday" – is aimed at what he refers to as the "sensible centre" of the Democratic Party: "The 75 to 80 per cent of the people who are mainstream Democrat in this country of ours, and who should now be controlling our party."

Mr Glenn's staff believe their candidate's heroic image and middle-of-the-road views should go down well in New Hampshire, where the electorate has a reputation for being more conservative and independently minded that in Iowa.

They are hopeful, too, that hs upbeat performance in last Thursday's televized debate between the eight Democtatic candidates has stemmed the erosion of support for Mr Glenn. But a new opinion poll carried out by the *Washington Post/ABC News* suggests this may not be the case.

The poll showed that Senator Gary Hart, second in Iowa, had now rocketed past Mr Glenn and was beginning to close the gap with the front runner, Mr Walter Mondale. The poll gave Mr Mondale 38 per cent of the vote, Mr Hart 24 per cent, Mr Glenn 14 per cent, Jesse Jackson 7 per cent, and Mr George McGovern 6 per cent.

In a last-minute attempt to save the day, the Glenn campaign has bussed in from Ohio 300 supporters to act as cheer-leaders and door-to-door canvassers.

El Salvador voters 'terrorized'

From John Carlin
El Salvador

El Salvador's biggest Labour organization has said that the country's notorious death squads, manned by members of the armed forces have currently eased their activity but have transformed themselves into "terror squads" attempting to shape the result of presidential elections due on March 25.

Leaders of the Popular Democratic Unity (UPD), the umbrella union organization, which has about half a million members, said *campesinos* have been menaced by right-wing sectors of the American backed army into believing there will be "a big massacre" after elections should the wrong side win.

The "wrong side" is clearly the Christian Democrat Party whose candidate, Señor José Napoleon Duarte, is mistrusted, is not hated, by many in the Army who consider him to have dangerously left-wing tendencies.

Señor Jorge Camacho, Leader of a large peasant organization, part of the UPD, warned that the armed forces' interference in the electoral process must stop or it would become, as he euphemistically put it, "a serious problem".

Union officials said privately that they would soon be meeting the defence minister, General Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova, to discuss their complaints.

The Queen expected in Normandy

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The Queen will very probably attend the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the D-Day landing of the allies on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, M Raymond Triboulet, president of the organizing committee, announced at Bayeux on Saturday.

President Reagan and President Mitterrand have both already made firm commitments to be present. A representative of the Norwegian Royal family would also certainly be there, while M Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister would very probably attend, M Triboulet added.

Some 30,000 D-day veterans, manily from America, Canada and England, have already made arrangements to take part in the celebrations, and all the hotels within a 100 radius of the stretch of coast between Deauville and Cherbourg are reported to have been fully booked for several months.

Details of the programme for June 6 have not yet been announced, but it is understood that the main part of the official celebrations will take place on the Omaha and Utah beaches between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm. An air shuttle service is to be laid on to ferry spectators to the beaches from Deauville and Caen, while commentators will take to the sea to explain the D-day landings from boats.

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Asylum plea by leader's niece embarrasses both Germanies

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Intensive three-way discussions went on all weekend between Bonn, Prague and East Berlin to try to resolve the tricky diplomatic and humanitarian problems posed by the flight of the niece of Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, into the West German Embassy in Prague.

Frau Ingrid Berg, the daughter of Herr Stoph's brother Kurt, entered the Embassy on Friday afternoon accompanied by her husband, two young children and mother-in-law. The family refused to leave until they were granted permission to go to West Germany.

Bonn confirmed their presence in the baroque Embassy building, but would give no details of the efforts being made to persuade the Czech and East German authorities to allow the family to leave.

Herr Heinrich Windelen, the Minister for Inner-German Relations, spoke of a "difficult situation", and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, called for discretion and care by the West German media. He said publicity and the release of detailed information would only harm those concerned.

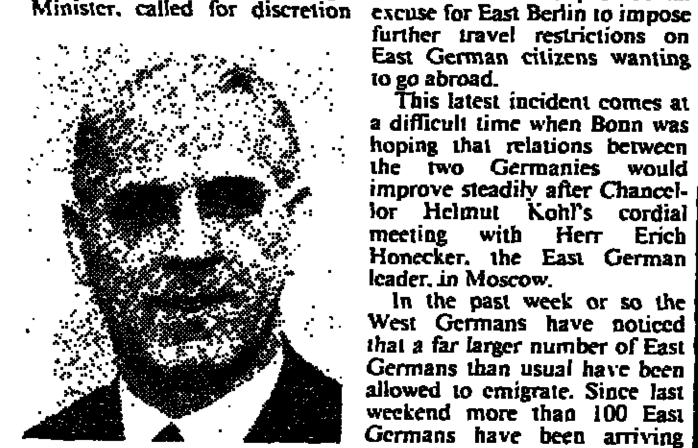
The case is deeply embarrassing to both Bonn and East Berlin and puts both governments in a quandary. It follows a spate of attempts by East Germans to leave their country by seeking refuge in Western embassies, sparked off by the agreement last month which allowed six people who had rushed into the American Embassy in East Berlin to be swiftly sent out to West Berlin.

Last month the West German Chancellery gave a warning to East Germans not to seek refuge in Western embassies, saying they had no right to grant anyone asylum.

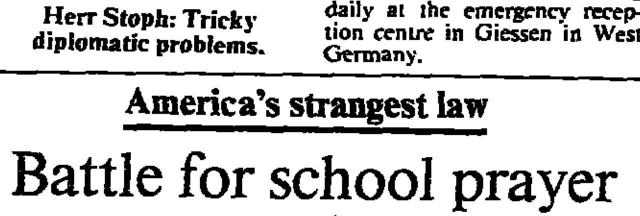
Since then a large number of East Germans have fled into the West German Embassy in Prague, leading to suspicions here that they may have been encouraged by the East Germans to do so to provide an excuse for East Berlin to impose further travel restrictions on East German citizens wanting to go abroad.

This latest incident comes at a difficult time when Bonn was hoping that relations between the two Germanies would improve steadily after Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cordial meeting with Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, in Moscow.

In the past week or so the West Germans have noticed that a far larger number of East Germans than usual have been allowed to emigrate. Since last weekend more than 100 East Germans have been arriving daily at the emergency reception centre in Giessen in West Germany.



Herr Stoph: Tricky diplomatic problems.



America's strangest law

Battle for school prayer moves to the Senate

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Senate will tackle the strangest of America's laws this week – the one that bans the utterance of prayers in schools. Politicians, teachers and the clergy are bitterly divided.

The ban was imposed by Supreme Court decisions in 1963 and 1964, on the grounds that prayer violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

The Republican right and fundamentalist ministers are generally agreed on the restoration of voluntary school prayer but there is disagreement about the details.

Should prayer be said silently during reserved periods of the day? Should prayer be uttered aloud and if so who should provide the scripts, the churches or the Government? Or should the students use their own words?

President Reagan is an ardent supporter of restoring prayer to schools. "The pendulum has swung too far towards intolerance against genuine religious freedom," he said a weekend radio address. "Sometimes I cannot halp but feel the First Amendment is being turned on its head.

"Can it really be true that the First Amendment can permit Nazis and Klu Klux Klansman to march on public property, advocate the extermination of people of the Jewish faith, and the segregation of blacks while the same amendment forbids our children from saying a prayer in schools?".

Enormous financial resources are being pour ed into lobbying Congress in one of the most elaborate campaigns Washington has seen for many years. Thousands of people will pray on the steps of Capitol Hill for an entire night next week while expensive television appeals are being made

While the issue is on the floor of the Senate – probably for the next two weeks – the popular "television ministries" will focus their airtime on the school prayer issue.

Even so the chances the amending the constitution are slim. The Republican-controlled Senate may just squeeze the necessary two-thirds majority in favour, but that is unlikely to be matched in the House. Even if it passes both houses the measure will have to be sent to the individual states for ratification.

Pope criticizes Albanian ban on religion

Bari, Italy (Reuter) – The Pope yesterday criticized religious persecution in Albania but suggested that Russians had not lost their sense of religion despite Communist encouragement of atheism.

He was speaking during a visit to the burial place of one of the patron saints of the Russian Orthodox church, St Nicholas of Myra, who is buried in Bari, a city about 120 miles from Albania.

He said he was thinking of "our brothers and sisters of Albania, who cannot openly express their religious faith."

Noting the importance of St Nicholas in Russian Christianity, the Pope suggested that Russians had not lost their sense of religion.

"How can one not remembr the great love gathered around the saint through the centuries even among the people of Russia."

Muldoon gives Reagan pledge of his loyalty

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Sir Robert Muldoon, New Zealand's Prime Minister, yesterday assured President Reagan that his country remained a strong ally unlike "those fair-weather friends who are only too ready to attack American motives and policies".

"In an uncertain world, you need have no doubt about where the New Zealand" Government and people stand, Sir Robert told Mr Reagan after nearly two hours of meetings at the White House on East-West relations, defence, the Middle East and international economic issues.

President Reagan expressed special appreciation for New Zealand's commitment to Anzus (the Australia, New Zealand, United States defence alliance), which "has assured our mutual security in the Pacific for more than 30 years".

Denktas offers Cyprus non-aggression pact

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Mr Raouf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, has proposed the conclusion of a non-aggression pact to the Greek Cypriots in an inter ew with the Turkish newspaper *Milliyet*.

Describing as madness what he termed "the rapid arming by the Greek Cypriots", Mr Denktas asked: "Do the Greek Cypriots want to create another 1974 (the year of Turkey's military intervention)? If the Greek Cypriots really want a peace, let them come and sign a non-aggression pact with us.

Mr Denktas, told the paper that American and UN diplomats were informed of his administration's views about the arming of the Greek Cypriots "and the dangers it spelt".

He also said in the interview that a compromised formula proposed both by Mr Edward Derwinski, a State Department special envoy, and Mr Richard Haas, another State Department official, calling for the "unconditional turning over of the settlement of Varosha (a suburb of the Turkish-held port of Famagusta) to the jurisdiction of the United Nations" was categorically refected by him.

Thousands in Madrid schools law protest

From Harry Debelius Madrid

The second big demonstration against a proposed new law on education in two months attracted hundreds of thousands of marchers in Madrid on Saturday, despite freezing weather and occasional snow flurries.

The proposed law would limit subsidies to privately-run schools and would stanardize certain matters affecting education, such as school facilities.

May Roman Catholic nuns were among the marchers, some wearing an organge scarf over their black habits – the symbol of opposition to the proposed law.

● **Airline strike:** Employees of Iberia, the state-owned Spanish airline, will strike next Wednesday and Thursday in protest against predicted lay offs, trade union representatives confirmed yesterday.

However, employees of Aviaco, the country's second largest airline, have cancelled plans to strike on the same days.

Intermittent work stoppages affected both airlines last week.

Nadrid's underground railway workers handed out leaflets to passengers on the trains over the weekend, warning them that the Metro would be shut down by a strike today.



Extra round: British and French boxing fans battling with security men in Paris after Britain's Tony Sibson had beaten Frenchman Louis Acaries on points for the European middleweight championship on Saturday night. Story, page 20.

Pretoria may ease black business curbs

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

The South African Government has announced that it is prepared to open up business districts in white towns to black entrepreneurs and end legal enforcement of racial segregation in hotels, restaurants and cinemas.

Mr S. F. "Pen" Kotze, the Minister of Community Development, gave Parliament the Government's first reaction to the report of a committee of inquiry, known as the Strydom Committee, into the Group Areas Act and related legislation.

The Act, and other measures such as the Separate Amenitits Act, enforce racial segregation of residential areas, schools and hospitals and most other urban services and facilities, as well as restricting the areas where blacks can do business.

The Strydom Committees report, which has gone to a select committee of Parliament, recommends that separate living areas and their related social services should remain segregated, but advocates less rigidity in other areas such as business and leisure facilities.

The position at present is that blacks in townships like Soweto, where little business activity has been permitted, have been allowed into Johannesburg and other big towns only as the employees of white-owned firms and enterprises (though Indians have enjoyed greater latitude).

The Government's new approach, if carried, would make a considerable symbolic and practical impact by opening the way for blacks to become managers and employers of labour in a hitherto white-controlled area.

In the case of hotels, restaurants and cinemas, the Strydom Committee recommends that they should be removed from the purview of racial legislation and that the owners should themselves be free to decide

Many big hotels aleady enjoy "international status", which means they can cater to all races.

The Governments's announcement has been cautiously welcomed by black, Coloured (mixed race) and Indian leaders, and white liberals, as a step in the right direction. But they pointed out that non-whites would still risk being humiliated and kicked out of public places because of the bigotry of white owners.

69 killed in Brazilian shanty town blaze

Cubatão, Brazil (Reuter) – The death toll from an oil pipeline fire which swept through a shanty town here has reached 69 and is expected to go higher.

Cubatão's civil defence department said 66 people were known to have been killed in Saturday's blaze, which began with an exploding ball of flame after an oil pipeline running alongside the slums burst and sent oil spurting into a small stream flowing through the shacks. Three people died in hospital later.

Many of the victims were small children and old people who were too slow to escape the flames. No one knows what started the fire, but it spread within minutes like a fireball. "It was as if someone had laid a trail of gunpowder and then set a match to it," one policeman said.

Last night several hundred survivors huddled in a sports hall, where they were given food and temporary shelter. Others were looked after in churches.

In one hospital in nearby Santos, 15 people were in a critical condition with burns covering up to 90 per cent of their bodies, a spokesman said. About 30 people were still in hospital.

The fire destroyed about half the 1,000 wood-and-cardboard huts in the slums on the outkirts of Cubatão, 40 miles southeast of São Paulo. Officials estimated that about 2,500 people had been made homeless.

THE ARTS

International theatre: **Irving Wardle** investigates the background to this week's *Mikado* opening in London; **John Higgins** (below) in Paris

An English tradition the English rarely see

Whatever London's response to the Canadian *Mikado* when it reaches the Old Vic on Wednesday, there is no disputing its track record. Packed out when I saw it in Stratford, Ontario, two years ago, Brian Macdonald's production has been in and out of the repertory ever since, touring Canada last year, rejoining the Ontario season after its London run, and booked for a tour of the United States in 1985.

Meanwhile, *The Gondoliers* and *Iolanthe* are also lying in wait for Stratford's summer visitors; and, if the management's "strong hopes" of a continuing connexion with Ed Mervish's Old Vic are fulfilled, it looks as though the mantle of the D'Oyly Carte may be descending on the Waterloo Road.

This is all very well for G & S fans, but not for the general theatre-going public. Founded by Tyrone Guthrie and for long sustained by English directors, designers and leading actors, the Stratford Festival can be viewed as a major department of the English theatre that English spectators never get to see. Leaving aside the question of whether you could say that to a Canadian without risk of being thrown in the local Avon, it is certainly true that we know precious little at first hand about the organization that served as a model for the Chichester Festival Theatre, the Sheffield Crucible and the main house of the National. For all the artists who have trekked out to Ontario, all we have seen in return are a Chichester season 20 years ago and the 1981 Haymarket transfer of Edna O'Brien's *Virginia*.

And, if more is now going to come our way, it will be of productions from Stratford's Avon Theatre (like *the Mikado*) and not the classical repertory of the Festival Theatre itself, whose extreme open-stage design prohibits proscenium transfers.

After three widely-spaced visits to Stratford, my own feeling is that Guthrie has a lot to answer for. Failing to find support for architectural reforms in Britain, he carried his vision over to North America where it took the uncompromising shape of a naked platform jutting into the auditorium like a diving board and challenging actors to take the plunge.

According to Guthrie, such a design would bring an immeasurable improvement in nuanced delivery and audience contact; but he did not linger on the scene for long enough to find out. After two seasons he handed his brainchild over to Michael Langham and moved on to crusades elsewhere.

In the early days, what you saw on the Stratford stage was labelled the "mid-Atlantic style". But since the great upsurge in Canadian nationalism, inflaming the cultural scene and exploding in the near-fatal crisis over the Stratford board's attempt to appoint John Dexter in succession to Robin Phillips, that label would no longer go down well with the Canadians. They want a mid-Atlantic compromise no more than they want a British proconsular directorate. What is wanted is a Canadian style, under the direction of a Canadian.

They have already achieved the second goal with the 1981 appointment of John Hirsch: a Canadian national, born a Hungarian Jew, who has worked extensively in America and Israel without severing his Winnipeg roots. He is at once the kind of international figure Stratford has always courted, and a local boy passionately committed to his own country's identity and institutions. As a child of the holocaust, wandering alone across Europe when his parents were taken to Auschwitz, Hirsch has strong reasons for these beliefs.

When he took the job, he recounted his childhood to a Toronto audience, and went on: "Institutions are incredibly precious, and as weak as human beings. They can get weak, die, disappear. We must stop this country rejoicing in troubles and difficulties. Generations of young people went to Stratford and were exposed to theatre, and they became actors, directors, writers, cutters, wigmakers, critics, whatever. Do you want to deny that to the next generation?

"What are we going to do *now*, and who is going to come and help? This is why I told you the story of my life. If anybody has a reason to sit and moan, it's me – a Jewish orphan left alone to starve at 13."

Three years later, these words strike home even harder. Since then the American Shakespeare Festival, Connecticut, has closed down, and the Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis, has abandoned repertory in favour of stock company runs, thus leaving Stratford, Ontario, as the last surviving classical repertory company on the North American continent. And, from the festive tent Tyrone Guthrie erected in 1953, Hirsch is striving to develop an essential service to a community in a declining state of literacy. "The citizen without mastery of his voice", runs his manifesto, "is a disenfranchised being. The classic theatre is his school."

Since he took over there have been extensive changes throughout the organization. A boardroom purge relieved him from working for "Bronx grocers". A tie-up with CBC has brought in extra revenue and released video cassettes of Stratford productions across the continent, not to mention eductional visual aids consisting of video extracts, production photographs and directors' notes.

Besides the Avon Theatre, Stratford now has a Third Stage for apprentice productions under senior directors. This is Hirsch's first move towards setting up his own theatre school; and, under the direction of Michael Langham and a team of associates from the New York Juilliard School, it is already feeding productions and new actors (including John Neville) on to the main stage.



John Hirsch: passionate commitment

Continuity is an institutional virtue, and not least in the theatre. But at this rate it is going to take a long time for the voice of Canadian classicism to emerge, notwithstanding Hirsch's innovations. Perhaps that voice is more a political aspiration than an aesthetic possibility.

As Michel Saint-Denis ruefully noted when setting up his Montreal theatre school, Canada, unlike the United States, has never been a melting pot. So in which of the country's many voices should its classical theatre speak? And how can Hirsch's theatre claim to speak for the country when it ignores French Canada?

My only suggestion is that Stratford might come more closely to grips with that question by switching the repertory between the Festival Theatre and the Avon: thus giving the Savoyards ample scope to parade about, and enabling the classical company to escape the stylistic distortions of Guthrie's stage. That way, we might also get some more interesting nights at the Old Vic.

Romantic bravura almost lost to the London stage

Angélo, tyran de Padoue
Théâtre du Rond-Point

Tchin Tchin
Théâtre Montparnasse

Outside France the plays of Victor Hugo are most likely to be encountered by courtesy of Verdi: *Rigoletto* maybe or, rather less probably, *Lucrezia Borgia* or *Ernani*. But Paris remains faithful to the old lion and there he is at the moment filling the house at the home of the Barrault-Renaud Company, the Théâtre du Rond-Point. And Paris has a tradition of romantic bravura acting to draw from, an art which has almost disappeared from the London stage. In **Angélo, tyran de Padoue** there is no room for faint-hearted acting: the veins run thick with passion and the rivers run thick with corpses. At several removes it even served as the basis for Ponchielli's *La Gioconda*.

Jean-Louis Barrault himself directs and appears in the cameo role of Orfeo, a would-be villian from the stews of Padua, who only half succeeds at his trade because his tongue hangs out of his mouth and he slobbers as he tries to form S syllables into sentences. In the latest edition of the *Cahiers Renaud Barrault* he argues the case for *Angélo*, which Hugo wrote in 1835 – no mention of *Gioconda!* But the words are hardly necessary. Barrault's own production does it more effectively using the full expanse of the Rond-Point stage, which is a rather deeper version of Chichester's theatre.

Padua is there in silhouette, distinctly menacing, in the background under an orange sky falling into night while in the middle ground a single pretty youth pirouettes. Screens do the rest, with darkness suggesting the secret passages, concealed doorways, sewers, private chapels and villains' hideaways which are the very tools of Hugo's melodrama. The style of the sets, by Ghislain Uhry, is economic High Romantic, and very effective they are too.

Barrault has fashioned Hugo's somewhat sprawling five acts into a playing time of 2¼ hours, with no intervals. (A pity the text could not have been printed in the *Cahiers*.) There may be a few smiles as the declarations of passion are made, the daggers unsheathed and the phials of poison opened, but never a drop in tension. And, for this much of the credit, apart from that due to Barrault himself, goes to Geneviève Page as La Tisbé, a role created by Mlle Mars and taken at the turn of the century by Sarah Bernhardt.

Angélo is less the tale of the Tyrant of Padua (Jacques Dacquemine, bullet-headed and ruthless as a von Stroheim) as of two ladies. La Tisbé is a woman of the streets, emancipated and making a career for herself as an actress but still living outside society. Caterina (Cyrielle Claire, a tall beauty with an exquisite speaking voice) lives chastely within society. Rodolfo (Francois Duval, epitome of the juvenile romantic lead) is the man they both love. Inevitably, La Tisbé gives up her lover to save Caterina and dies by his hand as Caterina awakes from a "poison" which is but a sleeping draught – Hugo knew his *Romeo and Juliet*.

Miss Page dominates the stage with her presence, majestic and sorrowful by turns, but above all by her voice with its baritone depths and her superb declamation of Hugo's rolling sentences, in prose, maybe, but marvellously rhythmic and clear. Yes, the romantic bravura style lives on.

So too does another French theatrical tradition, that of the boulevard comedy. Away in the Théâtre Montparnasse in Piaf territory, where the Bobino still sparkles brightly amid the hard-porn cinemas, François Billetdoux's **Tchin Tchin** has been revived. It was a hit almost everywhere a quarter of a century ago, except in London where in a Willis Hall adaptation it never really took off. Even at Fr160 a seat, apart from the top of the house, it is a sell-out. The names of Marcello Mastroianni, making a rare appearance on stage, and Peter Brook, as a co-director, see to that. But poosibly Francois Billetdoux, who appeared in the original Paris staging, helps as well.

Billetdoux's gossamer story of a not-so-brief encounter of a man and a woman whose spouses have left them – he is in the building business and she is the wife of a surgeon – on the surface might look to be school of Neil Simon. Together, with the help of many a cocktail and many a bottle, they achieve a certain rapport. But Billetdoux's writing is much more delicate, almost to the point of winsomeness.

Luckily, Marcello Mastroianni prevents it reaching that particular spot with a performance of consummate charm as a slightly plump, slightly tousled, slightly doggy Cesareo. He handles the French language with the abandon of an Italian tenor singing Faust and takes relaxation on stage to new artistic levels. In sum, he has everyone eating out of his hand, including Natasha Parry as Mrs Pamela Puffy-Pick, the English wife of a perfidious Frenchman. Nicolas Hossein, remembered from Güney's *The Wall*, makes a brief and accomplished appearance as the son.

The direction, which Brook shares with his long-time associate Maurice Benichou, is unobtrusive and the sets are virtually non-existent – they do not even get a credit on the programme. Nevertheless, an evening of absolute delight. Again, no interval.

Angélo, tyran de Padoue is in repertory throughout March. *Tchin Tchin*, plays from Tuesday to Saturday with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.



Consummate charm with the abandon of an Italian tenor: Marcello Mastroianni and Natasha Parry

Concerts

Music of changes

BBCSO/Boulez
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Just as our most revered conductors find profit in returning every decade or so to record again the Beethoven symphonies, so Boulez has long regarded his music not as fixed once and for all but as mutable, so that old works can be restyled to take account of changes in his musical thinking. Those of us who admire his music may regret that this seems to stop him from writing many new pieces, but at the same time it is fascinating to observe the development of an outstanding musician, and to some degree of music in general, reflected in altered states of single images.

What happens most often is that the work gets subtler: contrasts are softened, orchestration teased out, line entwined in new decoration. Such is the way with the 1983 model of the third *Improvisation sur Mallarmé* from *Pli selon pli*, which was introduced to this country at Friday night's well filled and warmly appreciated concert by the BBC Symphony under their old chief conductor.

The old *Improvisation III*, dating from 1959, used to start with a long unaccompanied vocalise from the solo soprano, and, though I can seen how Boulez might now view this as a rather bald opening gambit, I must say I am sorry to lose so wild and melancholy a siren call; for the new version quite civilizes it by bringing in flutes. Less regrettable perhaps is the loss of the old score's flexibility, its provision of different courses for the singer: the flute music would appear to contain the alternatives as simultaneous decorations.

Boulez has also extended the use of the flutes, trombone and low strings to qualify the splashing cadenzas for xylophones, vibraphones, harps and other tuned percussion, but happily the piece retains its extreme individuality in his output. It is still his most nearly oriental piece in its time-scale and sonority, incorporating not only a westernized gamelan but also the shrill woodwind of the Japanese and their taste for long periods of stillness and violently sudden movement. It is still too, even without the naked cry, a superb vehicle for the delicate gold of Phyllis Bryn-Julson's singing.

Miss Bryn-Julson was also excellent in the little cantata *Le Soleil des eaux*, resting for the moment in its uneasy 1965 dress, and there was magnificent playing from the BBC SO, not only in the Boulez but also in Webern and Bartok. Boulez's Webern is more comfortable than once it was, his *Miraculous Mandarin* more alarming, sensuous and strange.

Paul Griffiths

LPO/Loughran
Festival Hall

It is now ten years since the great Russian violinist David Oistrakh died. To commemorate that fact the London Philharmonic Orchestra have been on a short tour which ended in London on Saturday. This was a touching tribute, despite the unfortunate indispositions of Vernon Handley, the intended conductor, and Oistrakh's grandson, Valery, who was to have joined his father Igor in Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, K364. In the event James Loughran took the baton, while a former pupil of David Oistrakh, Emmy Verhey, played the solo violin part in the Mozart.

She was the more refined partner here: Igor Oistrakh's rather strident viola playing, especially in the outer movements, exaggerated the differences rather than the similarities between the two instruments. The reading was kept on a knife-edge by both this pleasing imbalance and by Oistrakh's unpredictability of nuance, though the slow movement was wonderfully langourous. Stylish by modern western standards this performance may not have been, but as a musical experience it was of the highest order, helped by an astute orchestral accompaniment.

Conductor and orchestra had to be even more on their mettle for Brahms's Violin Concerto, whose daunting breadth Oistrakh clearly relishes as much as his father did. Again, as in all great performances, spontaneity was the dominating force. Attacks might have been anticipated or delayed, and there were some curious pock-marks in individual phrases, but it would be hard to imagine many other violinists showing comparable command of both form and emotion.

The LPO had their own moments of glory here, besides again demonstrating alertness as an accompanying force. In particular, Gareth Hulse's oboe solo in the slow movement was exemplary. An excitingly raw account of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony completed this apposite celebration of a master's life.

Stephen Pettitt

Television

Explosively eager

All the World's a Stage (BBC 2) has quickly reached Shakespeare, "A Muse of Fire" and therefore another "theatrical explosion" – this, at least, is how Ronald Harwood described it and he has been searching for such explosions with the eagerness of a tracker dog from the bomb squad. There was a danger of the programme itself becoming a damp squib, however – the principal difficulty being its historical reconstructions, which veered uneasily between a fancy-dress party and the more risible scenes in a Hammer Horror production. Once again, the film-makers seem nervous about transmitting "knowledge" or "culture" to a large audience but in their desperate attempt to avoid being boring they have courted the danger of seeming merely ridiculous. This is a pity since, in other respects, the history here, although simplified, is congently presented.

I do not know if Mr Harwood has plans to encompass Trevor Griffiths as another "explosion": it seems unlikely. Mr Griffiths is a self-avowedly socialist, or Marxist, playwright who believes himself to be in the business of "persuasion" rather than "propaganda". That is why he is so eager to work in television, as he explained to Melvyn Bragg on **The South Bank Show** (LWT). But despite what used to be called his "progressive" ideology, even the brief extracts from his work suggested the conventional and in some ways reactionary nature of his drama: they were essentially plays of argument and assertion, on the model of Shaw or perhaps Priestley, which have been further domesticated by being firmly played within the area of "television realism" (one of the current synonyms for "melodrama").

This was perhaps why Mr Bragg preferred to concentrate upon Mr Griffiths's arguments and opinions rather than upon his skills as a dramatist; and why Mr Griffiths, in turn, discussed what his plays were "about" and what his characters "represented". It is a large problem – the innovative artists of our century, the "modernists", tended to be either tacitly or vociferously right-wing and, although it might be too much to say that socialist writers and dramatists are always artistically reactionary or unambitious, there is certainly a connection here that ought to have been explored.

Sir William in Search of Xanadu (Channel 4) was the record of a self-made man with a vengeance. William Burrell, a Glaswegian magnate who would not take a taxi when a tram would serve, had a passion for art and antiques (although it is not clear if he knew the difference between them). With unerring taste, the origins of which remain obscure, he collected Jacobean beds, nineteenth-century French paintings, medieval artefacts, Pict ornaments, the Renaissance "masters", stained glass and practically anything else available in the auction rooms.

This was a gloomy programme, but there was no reason for its air of studied melancholy: here was a man, after all, so dissatisfied with his own origins that he wished to create for himself a quite different past – and one to which, in the end, he would be publicly attached. In this he was triumphantly successful: he should have been celebrated rather than lugubriously buried.

Peter Ackroyd

Dance

Different Drummer
Covent Garden

Kenneth MacMillan's new ballet, premièred on Friday, must be our main concern, but his 18-year-old *Song of the Earth*, revived on the same programme, needs to be mentioned first, as an example of how much better he worked in the days when he still had some respect for composers. Also, I think it would be true that even someone who did not like the Mahler ballet would recognize it as a serious and well-made work, whereas unless you like the new piece you will probably think it a mess.

Different Drummer is based on Büchner's play *Woyzeck*, but MacMillan has freely reworked the raw material into a new form. Once again he has shoved two self-sufficient pieces of music together to make his score, and Webern's Passacaglia, Op 1, gets scurvy treatment as mere background music for a prologue that introduces all the main characters but concentrates on the captain and the doctor tormenting Woyzeck.

The captain is a stock character, a recycling of David Drew's Germanic dancing master from *Isadora*, but Jonathan Burrows has a sly, insinuating manner for the doctor, even though what he has to do mostly is force-feed his victim and take urine samples.

Wayne Eagling has the title part, and the main action, to Schoenberg's *Verklaerte Nacht*, begins with a duet for him and Guy Niblett as Andres. Thereafter, things grow progressively and rapidly more phantasmagoric, to a climax where a dozen or so soldiers in gasmasks are coupling with the local tarts in unison, all going down at once on the musical beat. There is also a corpse in a crown of thorns, introduced presumably so that Marie can dry his feet with her hair, a contrived and pointless allusion to the Mary Magdalene reference in the play.

But why complain of just one example of pointlessness when the whole ballet fails to make clear just what it was about this subject that seized MacMillan's imagination? Usually in his ballets there is a visual image that sums up the rest, but I cannot see one here. Eagling looks duly woebegone and works furiously at some ingenious steps (spinning on the back of his shoulders; using worried little jumps to travel backwards) but the character is not illuminated by the balletic treatment.

Luckily Schoenberg, although treated cavalierly, adds a musical comment at times that suggests more than the movement can (I think, for instance, of a tremulous phrase accompanying some falls for the weakening protagonist). Contrariwise, the music's ending, written to quite a different scenario, forces MacMillan to give Woyzeck and Marie a "united in death" ending *à la Swan Lake*, even though he sours it by having captain and doctor wheel mortuary trolleys triumphantly across the stage.

Alessandra Ferri's admirers can see her being would round the necks of several different partners, held upside down and twisted into strange shapes. When allowed to get on her own two feet, she moves vividly (there is even a touch of Fonteyn's Marguerite about one exit) and puts on the right expressions. But MacMillan shows a curiously limited idea of Ferri's potential.

Once some ill-conceived juggling with his mace is over, Stephen Jefferies makes a forceful and assured drum major, who at one point shares a dance sequence with Woyzeck that suggests a love-hate relationship like that of the men in *Triad*, but it is not developed.

Different Drummer was to have had scenery and costumes by Yolanda Sonnabend, one of MacMillan's most frequent and loyal collaborators, but apparently the choreographer found that the ballet he had made was not the one they originally thought of, so 14 of the costumes were redesigned only last week and the scenery set aside. A Covent Garden spokesman assures me that it cost "only" £3,500 and that it and the abandoned costumes will be frugally recycled.

Consequently, the ballet's première was danced on an uncurtained stage with the *Andrea Chenier* decor stacked round its walls. Presumably it will look different according to whatever other works happen to be in repertory. A large bath stands centre-stage for Woyzeck to drown himself in, not very convincingly.

Those to whom new means good, and different is automatically better, may find more to enjoy in *Different Drummer*: it is not a disaster like the recent *Orpheus*, for instance. But, unless it reveals a lot of hidden virtues on later viewing, I cannot see that it does much for its dancers or its subject.

John Percival

Douglas Jeffery



Strange shapes: Alessandra Ferri, Wayne Eagling

Opera

Tenderly turned

The Barber of Seville
Coliseum

The razor-edge of the production's wit may have become tryingly blunt, but English National Opera has a new Barber, a new Count and, above all, a new Rosina.

Ann Murray's is, not surprisingly, a highly intelligent Rosina. The watchful nervousness of her first brief appearance is the highly-wrought reaction of a resourceful, determined woman, suffocating in a patriarchal cage and beating her wings against its ubiquitous bars. All the mischief, and what Gautier called "the very scent of youth and love", is there in every tenderly turned phrase of her bel canto. But so are anger, pride and a nice line in ironic resignation, which surfaces as she anticipates Bartolo's mockery or gives in to the little games she is required to play.

The fact that she presents not only such a vocally enriched, but also such a multi-faceted and stimulating characterization is the more to Ms Murray's credit, as Malcolm Hunter, reviving Patrick Libby's production, seems to have little to offer his singers. Keith Lewis, the new Count, is hard put, at the beginning, to find anything to distract him from the baton and from vocally obvious nervousness: only later, and, significantly, in the disguises of soldier and priest, does he relax enough to show us what his light, elegant tenor is really made of.

Figaro, for his part, carries all his swagger in his voice. Donald Maxwell's vocal resonance and astuteness indicate that he could possibly, with some help, exercise rather more than mere clichéd self-satisfaction and symmetrical arm-waving arrogance. As yet both men sing and act alongside Rossini's music rather than from inside it.

The same cannot be said, though, of Michael Rippon's Bartolo and Richard Angas's Basilio, both of whom, of course, have had much longer to mature inside their roles. With a spirited vignette Berta from Hilary Western, they restore two more dimensions of comic style to a production which, both on stage and in the pit (James Judd conducts) is now rather badly in need of it.

Hilary Finch

● The Barbican Centre is to hold a "Basically Bach" Festival at Easter, from April 20 to 23, under the direction of Christopher Hogwood. This follows the success of last Easter's "Mostly Mozart" Festival, also directed by Mr Hogwood.

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Cheaper and purer: Games go commercial

A mixture of prestige and politics has almost ruined the Olympic ideal. David Miller, in the first of three articles, examines the effort to reinstate it in the 28th Games.

This summer's Los Angeles Olympic Games are the first to be handed over by the international Olympic committee to private enterprise. Some have been fearful of the results of the move, which the committee had accepted only with reluctance. They need not have worried. Even a single day in Los Angeles is sufficient to convince anyone that the commercially orientated committee is anything but an evil godfather exploiting the ideologues of amateur sport.

Bill Toomey, the 1968 decathlon champion, who is married to Tokyo long-jump winner Mary Rand, is emphatic that Los Angeles may be bringing back perspective to the Games. Now a sports and media consultant, he lives an hour's drive from the Memorial Coliseum stadium of 1932, down the eight-lane Santa Ana freeway in opulent Laguna Hills. "The Olympics should be a competition for sportsmen,"e says, "not an architecture festival for frustrated late-adolescents".

"I think the organizing committee is a pretty moral group of efficient guys, who have done the serious part extremely well".

The 1976 Olympics are remembered not only for Premier Trudeau's betrayal of Taiwan, but for mayor Drapeau's Montreal building extravaganza which will impoverish the taxpayer till the end of the century. Moscow's unlimited, involuntary labour paid a different kind of unseen tax: the civic involvement of Tokyo, Mexico and Munich came before galloping mid-1970s inflation.



Peter Ueberroth, president of the Organizing Committee: facing imponderable obstacles.



Former Olympic athletes Mary Rand and Bill Toomey: helping to restore ideals

Peter Ueberroth, the 45-year-old Californian president of the Los Angeles organizing committee (LAOOC), is the definitive United States business organization-man: clear-eyed, immaculate, intellectually hard and politic, but with that slightly debonair hint of an ex-athlete who fervently believes in the basic sporting ethic of his present mission. He is irritated by stories that the committee is playing bandit.

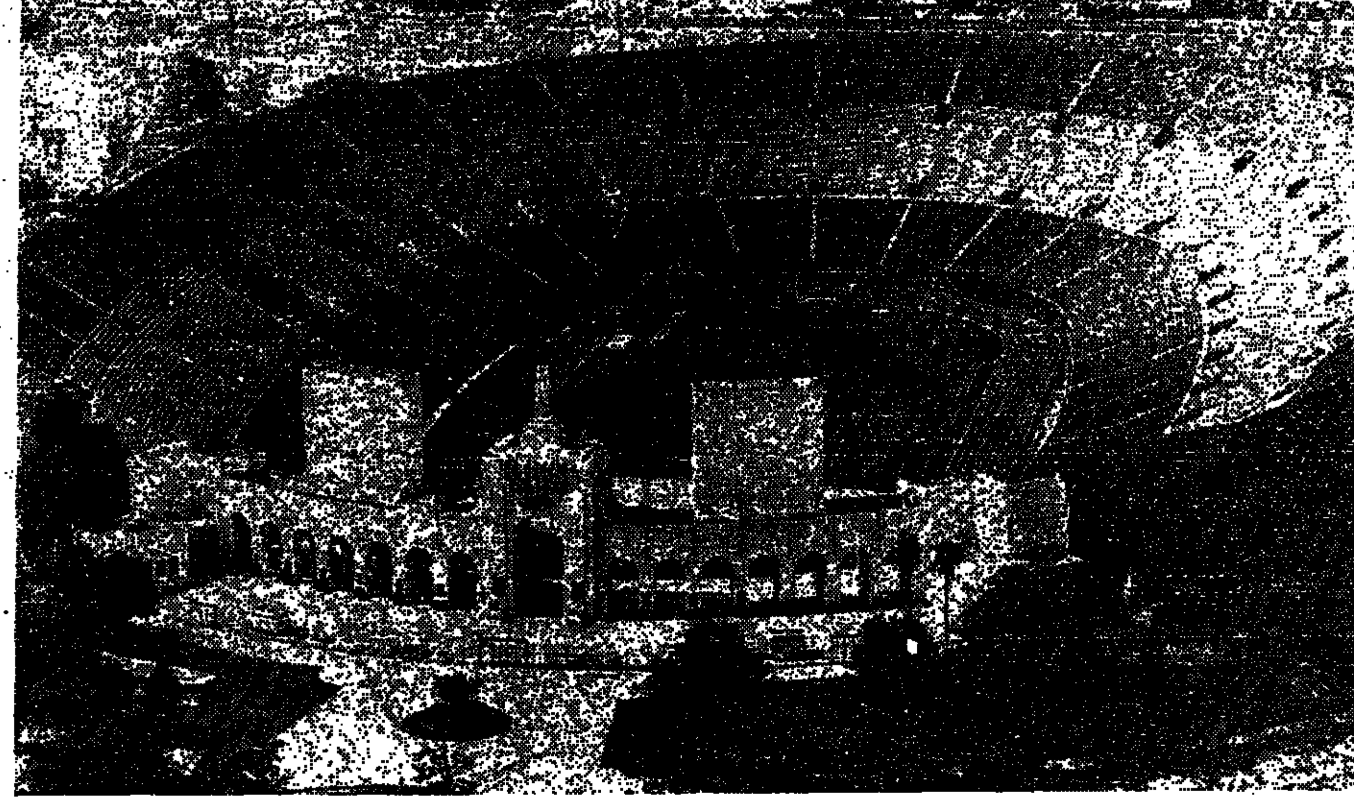
"There is no message to the world from this committee," he says. "Munich wanted to show that it was the new industrial, free and friendly nation. Montreal spent two billion dollars to prove it was not stepchild to the United States. Moscow wanted to demonstrate that it was the most notable socialist state, that its ideology had worldwide acceptance. We haven't any message, except let's have a nice Games."

Whether Ueberroth, a water-polo trialist for 1956, who then built from scratch the second largest travel company in America, can turn the clock back remains to be seen. He faces imponderable obstacles in the shape of massive security, potentially overwhelming traffic, price-hoisting non-Olympic tourist hunters, specialist coordination with the international federations of 21 sports . . . and Soviet brinkmanship.

Ueberroth's administrative ace has been to *reduce* the number of commercial sponsors, thereby creating exclusivity and higher fees. With 73 per cent of the Los Angeles population voting not to spend a cent on underwriting the Games, with no federal subsidy, no lottery (illegal) or private donors, he has still found the £360m to fund the Games: yet that is a fraction to what was spent by Montreal and Moscow.

The money will have come from TV (£200m), sponsoship (£89m), tickets (£64m) commercial equipment contributors (£10m), trading licences (£10m). A predicted 10.03 per cent (£10m) surplus will be divided, under IOC rules, between the US national Olympic committee (who relinquished organization), the education department of Southern California, and the national sports governing bodies. Even that small surplus, from a registered non-profitmaking company, has been possible only by paying, until last month, the many hundred staff of LAOOC from the interest accruing on up-front television sponsorship and ticket money. "Any surplus won't be divided among the staff here", an overworked committeeman says with a laugh.

Low pay, long hours and guaranteed termination comprise Ueberroth's only offer to his huge, multi-racial and visibly happy and enterprising staff. His unavoidable business maxim has has to be "Pay now, live later". More tickets than ever – 600,000 – have been



allocated overseas, at an average price of $17, paid in advance because 70 per cent of Montreal's overseas tickets were returned unsold after the Games.

Ueberroth persistently cites Coubertin's comment, from as long ago as 1909 after the first London Games, that the Olympics "must be more dignified, more discreet, more intimate and less expensive", and he likes also to quote Churchill: "Some see private enterprise as a predatory target to be shot, others as a cow to be milked, but few are those who see is as a sturdy horse pulling the wagon."

The first break-through for the LAOOC was the signing of the record television contract with ABC, for £161m – 10 times more than at Montreal and three times more than at Moscow, and four fifths of the gross television contract for 1984, without which there would be no Games. One third of the TV contract – for an audience of half the world's population – is supposed to be paid to the IOC for redistribution among international federations and national Olympic committees, but what the fact-packed Los Angeles media-guide does not disclose is that £71.5m was siphoned of by the LAOOC for "service facilities".

Therein lies the main, alleged rip-off from potential sports development capital: yet the IOC can blame no one but themselves. They had allowed the Games to become so big that no country wanted the financial risk, and Los Angeles would take it only on their own terms. Seoul, the stage for 1988, has a capitalist economy of "Asian" democracy and wages. For 1992, Barcelona, Paris, Nice and others are offering the taxpayers head again. Ueberroth admits: "We won't have the greatest Games, but they'll be good, a combination of two systems."

By restricting sponsorship to 31 companies – two thirds fewer than at Moscow, one fifth fewer than at Montreal – Ueberroth has gained maximum benefit from General Motors, IBM, Fuji, Levi Strauss, Xerox and the rest, with an average committment of £2.8m. But there is domestic conflict from the fact that the US Olympic Committee, which manages the US Team, has sold *their* rights to rival motor, camera and clothing sponsors, who may carry the Olympic rings logo with "USA" overhead as opposed to LAOOC's logo of the rings with a moving star.

LAOOC have been able to save money by predominantly using existing facilities, though this means the Games being stretched over more than 100 miles; from canoeing/rowing at the natural Lake Casitas to the north, three-day eventing in San Diego County to the south, football at Pasadena Rose Bowl to the north-east (as well as on the east coast). The only two new stadia, both sponsored, are for swimming (McDonald's, £2.8m) and cycling (Southland Food, £2.4m). Atlantic Richfield have renovated the Coliseum, with its famous peristyle arched end, and built six training tracks.

Yet my general impression is that the system of "commissioners", liaison personnel between LAOOC and the international federations, is working excellently. The commissioners are men from successful professional/business positions, who have agreed to give up a year of their time for a nominal fee to assist the Games. They include lawyers and corporation chairmen, all with extensive organization experience, some of them (such as Rolf Engen, in volleyball), with an outstanding sporting past. Perhaps the most important of them all, Henry David Thoreau (athletics), is a track statistician, sports director at the University of Southern California, manager of the 1960 Winter Games, business investor.

"I want", he says, "to give the athletes the best possible physical and mental ease, faced with no hassle."

But as Bill Toomey observes: "The Coliseum is tough; it has cyclonic winds changing all the time." What is more likely to wreck H. D.'s plans is the neighbouring Santa Monica/Harbour freeways junction, one of the worst bottle necks of Los Angeles traffic, which flows as relentlessly as Niagara. The IOC is already resigned to having to delay starts for competitors caught in traffic jams.

Ueberroth has arranged with civic leaders to switch a September state holiday to August, and with employers to operate 6am to 2pm on the 10 weekdays of the Games, or work a four-day week. Six of the Olympic days occur at weekends, but the traffic may play havoc with athletes' carefully scheduled warm-up times and television timing.

Los Angeles' steel rivers of vehicles may also threaten security, which accounts for the huge sum of £15.7m in LAOOC's budget, and probably a greater hidden sum which will be payable for the employment of federal and state police. How can competitors be protected on freeways when travelling from the two villages, in USC and UCLA, to the 21 sports venues? Ueberroth admits it is his prime concern – "a very sensitive and serious issue, which will be less visible than in the past but more technically sophisticated". As Toomey reflects, it involves a tragic waste of money, like the defence budget: but what can be done in a free society that can murder the innocuous Lennon, never mind the occasional president?

Alongside such concern, the political rumblings of disgruntled Soviets is small beer. Marat Gramov, IOC member and chairman of the Soviet Olympic committee, complained recently that the Russian team's arrival by Aeroflot (ordinarily banned), and free movement of Russian personnel in Los Angeles, was being impeded by the State Department. Juan Samaranch, president of the IOC, told me recently that he had Gramov's assurance that Russia would compete; and indeed everyone expects it will, even if protesting all the way to the starting line in retaliation for America's 1980 boycott of Moscow. Ueberroth has stated that LAOOC is pursuing all Gramov's requests, "in accordance with the Olympic Charter", through proper government channels, and that he has the assurance of President Reagan on these issues.

IOC rules specifically demand accreditation for all countries, even those diplomatically unrecognized by the host. But governments move slowly.

There can, I think, be no doubting Ueberroth's integrity in the face of daunting odds. He has a freshness which infects his staff and, equally, the visitor. "I'm cautiously optimistic", he says. "Maybe this little committee of organization, with its mixture of past Olympians, all creeds, can really work. We are tied together by a love of sport. We aren't giving too many ambassadors receptions but maybe we can strengthen the Olympic spirit." He is confident they will have given Southern California £2,350,000 in economic impact from the Games: a slice of it, I fear, from overcharging the press for telephones.

Tomorrow: Juggling the amateur status.





Los Angeles has resisted the usual flurry of new building for the Games. Instead the Memorial Coliseum, left, used for the 1932 Games, above, will be the site for track and field events



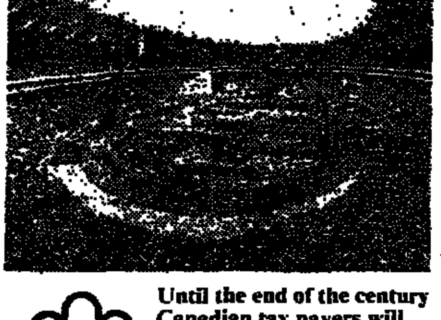


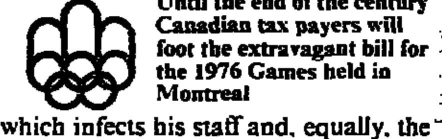
Far flung stadia: left, the LA Forum, right, the Albert Gersten Pavilion





Moscow, with Mischa the mascot saying goodbye for the last time in 1980 when unlimited involuntary labour paid unseen tax





Until the end of the century Canadian tax payers will foot the extravagant bill for the 1976 Games held in Montreal

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Changing double standards

I have recently been reading a book by George Orwell (there's a name we haven't heard much of since January) called *The British People*, in which he says that one of the most obvious qualities of the British is their hypocrisy. This is a quality which is obvious to everyone except the British; the idea that we are two-faced makes us angry and lose all sign of that sense of humour which is so obvious to us, but not perhaps to everyone else.

And yet I am convinced that British society could not even begin it operate without a deeply hypocritical set of double standards. Orwell explained it in terms of the licensing laws. In view of the recent police criticism of our speed limits – "a right mess" was the term the police used – I think perhaps it makes better sense to explain it with reference to the laws governing traffic.

Unlike most countries Britain has no written constitution, only millions of laws, and this applies to road use as well. We have a few basic principles (keep to the left, stop at red lights, have right of way at roundabouts), but for the most part we rely on individual instructions at each junction or intersection to tell us what to do. There are signs telling us to stop, give way, go straight on, and if everybody obeys these signs, everything is fine.

But if there is no such sign, we have no principles to fall back on – no sacred constitution – and we become confused. To take an example from my locality, there are two roads coming into Notting Hill called Pembridge Road and Kensington Park Road which converge in such a way that both seem a main road to anyone using them.

The Pembridge Road people feel they have the right of way, but no less so than the Kensington Park Road lot, and until very recently there was absolutely no sign from the police or anyone else as to which lot were really in the right.

This means that cars would usually slow down suspiciously when they saw this other "main" road, like animals sensing a rival, and indulge in little macho tests of will with people coming down the other road.

Occasionally they would charge straight across from both sides and hit each other – not long ago I spotted a police car which had been so confused that it had rammed a road island and been left for dead. Perhaps because of this very incident there are now white lines in the road giving right of way to Kensington Park Road; somebody somewhere must have tossed a coin, because the police thought it was a right mess.

We do this all the time. We ignore laws, or give up our right to insist on laws, because it makes more sense to obey our own instincts. We find ways of getting round licensing laws.

We drive at 75 or 80 mph on motorways because it seems a sensible speed. Yet at the same time we offer total lip service to the laws because they are all we have got – no constitution, no sacred principles – and that is why the accusation of hypocrisy is justified; we publicly support regulations which privately we are flouting the whole time.

The other day a taxi driver took me down the back ramp into Paddington Station and dropped me in the middle, saying as he did so: "Course, we're not really meant to set you down here, only pick up. But we always do."

"Do the police ever stop you?" I asked.

"Occasionally, when they're feeling stroppy. Then things get back to normal."

By normal he meant ignoring the law, but not complaining when it hit back. It's only when the laws get to be "a right mess" that people start changing them. Perhaps this is what really happened in the Falkland Islands. The way we were handling them was a right mess and would have been changed, but before that could happen the Argentines came along driving at about 90 mph. The government got very stroppy and sent out the speed cops. It all seemed quite logical to us British. To the rest of the world it can't have appeard quite so clear-cut. I wonder what George Orwell would have thought.

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MONDAY PAGE

TALKBACK

Social priority

From Miss Charlie Baker, Victoria Road, London N22

The idea that nursing qualifications are ideal for workers in old people's residential homes (Friday Page, February 10) is very dated and unfair.

In my experience of being a care assistant in a home, the stress should be on the social, and not medical, capabilities of the staff. The medical attention needed is usually of the standard required in a caring family home. If more is needed, a district nurse is always available. Social workers seem far more suitable to run a home of "good" standard. They are trained to increase independence for residents – which is desperately needed to prevent them becoming institutionalized. This can be avoided by willing staff with enough time to stimulate residents' minds and bodies, which is not what nurses are trained for.

From G. D. Mapleson, Padarn Close, Cardiff

Audrey Slaughter's account of one of the private nursing homes at present mushrooming around the country makes disturbing reading.

But it is even grimmer for those of us looking for short-stay accommodation for our dependent while the full-time carers take a holiday. We are told that to hold even one bed for this service is not economic and our choice is therefore limited to those doubtful places such as the one described.

I'm sure I don't have to be "a left-wing ideologist" to feel that this is an area where the profit motive is unacceptable unless conditions for registration of these homes are carefully devised and rigorously enforced, and I would hope that provision for at least one short-term guest in each home would be one of them.

From Mrs Gwen Gowens, 56 Maeshendre, Waunfawr, Aberystwyth

Waiting lists in reasonably priced local authority homes will inevitably get longer, and there are many people who, having sold an average priced house, can afford £100 a week, but for whom the £200 a week private home is out of the question.

One way of filling this gap is for members of the local community to set up their own old people's home and to run it themselves as a non profit-making charity. A management committee of about 15 voluntary helpers, with professional or practical skills, can cut costs by providing free advice of legal, financial, medical, domestic and building problems. And their constant involvement in the running of the home can ensure that the standards of staffing and comfort are right.

Among the organizations which have written in response to Audrey Slaughter's article, offering advice on old people's homes, are:

Counsel and Care for the Elderly, 131 Middlesex Street, Londn E1 7JF.

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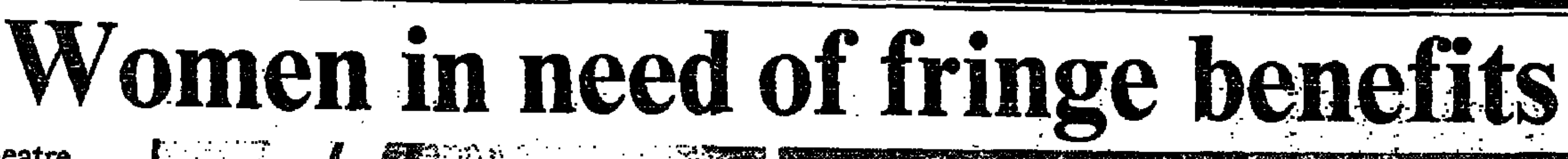
Registered Nursing Home Association, 7-7a Station Road, Finchley, London N3 2SB.

From Caroline Tahourdin, Twyford Avenue, Acton, London

I feel I was somewhat misrepresented in Caroline Moorehead's article (Wednesday Page, February 8).

I said that it is extremely difficult for anyone to get a job at the moment, especially anyone over 30: and that given the choice of employing a man with a wife and two kids or a single woman with no dependents most people (including me) would plump for the person whose need was greatest, all other factors being equal.

I also stressed I was comparatively lucky in my situation; but the position of school-leavers and new graduates who may well lack the money and /or resilience to make multiple application with little tangible evidence of success does not bear thinking about.



Women in need of fringe benefits

Women's theatre faces a constant struggle to survive. Clare Colvin looks behind the scenes





Women's theatre in the round: Monstrous Regiment in action in *Calamity*, left, *Teendreams*, top, and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* above.

Women's theatre groups choose jokily defiant names as if expecting attack. Monstrous Regiment launched themselves on an unreceptive world to be greeted by some ridicule. They were written off condescendingly by one critic as "this passing fashion of feminism", but seven years later they and many other groups are still with us. Among them are the Scarlet Harlets, Blood Group, The Resisters, Mrs Worthington's Daughters and the more soberly named Women's Theatre Group, who celebrate their tenth anniversary this year.

Monstrous Regiment's new play, *Enslaved by Dreams*, opened at the ICA last Friday. A new look at the Florence Nightingale legend – "an angel she was not. A statistician, administrator and handler of men she most certainly was" – it follows another recent Monstrous Regiment production, Bryony Lavery's *Calamity* at the Tricycle.

Calamity was not a critical success. Michael Coveney of the *Financial Times* commented that it was sad to see gifted performers like Gillian Hanna and Mary McCusker ploughing the same old furrows. The Regiment, in their defence, say that one of the difficulties of being underfunded is to keep their heads above water at all.

"It's not possible to make extraordinary breakthroughs when you are running very fast to stay in the same place," Gillian Hanna says. "One of the plans we had when we set up was for an experimental season where we would take two or three classical plays and rework them in a radical way, but we have not been able to afford it.

"One of the most wicked ways our arts are subsidized is that it is just enough to give an illusion that you will survive, but to make it work you also have to subsidize it yourself. No one is paid sufficiently and instead of being able to use our work as a springboard we find ourselves getting physically exhausted.

It could be argued that the women's groups make problems for themselves by largely excluding any contribution men might make and, by running on a collective basis rather than having a strong artistic lead, rule out a more workable system. They say that the collective, unwieldy though it may be, is a necessary part of their politics.

"There is surely space for all-women casts as well as all-male casts and mixed casts," says Bryony Lavery. "Most men nowadays say, 'Yes, we know about feminism and agree with you, so why are you still having these plays with all-women casts?' They feel hurt because they have given us a few concessions and now we still want them to change.

> 'I look for the silent woman in the background'

"Not all my plays are all-women, but I am interested in finding the feminist bias on all subjects. *Hot Time*, which I wrote for Common Stock with a mixed cast, looks at what women were doing in the General Strike, and *Calamity* looks at the women of the wild west who were effectively written out by history and only turn up in films to scream or be frightened. Whatever subject I tackle, I look for the silent woman who has been pushed into the background."

Anna Furze, of Blood Group, says that she formed an all-women company not for political reasons but because the form of dance theatre where she worked was dominated artistically by men, and she wanted to discover her own form of movement and dance. Having achieved that, she saw no reason to continue to exclude men, and Blood Group's latest piece, *Cold Wars* was performed by four women and two men. An earlier work about pornography upset some feminists, who felt it condoned what it set out to condemn.

"Inevitably there was controversy," says Anna Furze, "because we didn't come on in boiler suits and lecture the audience. We came on in pornographic equipment, covered in makeup, and eroticized (sic) them. The people who came to the show were not the usual ghetto that go to women's theatre – they were accountants and their wives and Soho flashers. We wanted to show how we are all implicated in pornography, through television and films, and that it permeates our consciousness."

Blood Group may have jogged the consciences of a few flashers, but the accusation that women's theatre is preaching to the converted often sticks. The companies, on shoe-string grants, frequently perform in uncomfortable, out-of-the-way places and going to see them demands some preliminary enthusiasm from an audience. The groups suffer from the old complaint that hits women in many walks of life – lack of money. Monstrous Regiment, whose highly praised works of a few years ago, like Caryl Churchill's *Vinegar Tom* and *Scum*, had mixed casts of half a dozen or so, are reduced in their two latest pieces to casts of three, which greatly limits the range of work they can attempt.

"Our financial position means we have to do smaller-scale work and hope we can weather the storm and maintain Monstrous Regiment," says Chris Bowler, who devised and directed *Enslaved by Dreams*. "Artistically we are getting away from the more dogmatic political theatre of ten years ago, and I have personally become fed up with theatre that is just about ideas and doesn't involve feeling."

While the feminist companies battle to share too small a slice of the Arts Council cake, there is hope on the horizon from the newly formed Women's Playhouse Trust, who are raising money from the private sector with the aim eventually of buying a theatre. Their recent attempts to buy the Mermaid Theatre fell through, but they are going ahead without a permanent home and their first production will open at the Royal Court later this year.

The WPT have a co-commissioning agreement with Methuen, the publishers, whereby women will be contracted to write plays for a major London stage. They have also assembled an impressive steering group whose members include Pam Gems, Jane Lapotaire, Glenda Jackson and Miriam Karlin, as well as others, like Lady Melchett, used to persuading well-heeled people to dig into their pockets for good causes.

> 'The theatre will provide a focus for women writers'

"You could argue that it is chauvinistic to have a women's theatre, but I have seen so many women's work, including my own, turned down by male managements because there is a difference in their approach," says Pam Gems. "We are simply not represented in the hierarchy of theatre so far as choice and control are concerned. My own interest as a writer is to change the way women are represented in dramatic literature.

"The theatre will provide a focus for women writers, many of whom come up against this male approach and way of thinking when they try to place their work. We want to get a feeling of an open door, a place where women can be at home, and we want to nobble men and women in powerful positions for help and financing – something that women's theatre has not done before."

Feeling among existing women's groups is that the WPT's presence will help artistically provided it does not lead people to say, 'Let's back the starry names and forget about the rest'. Gillian Hanna says: "The fact that women with a high public profile are also saying that they want their own theatre shows how necessary it has become."

FIRST PERSON

A temp's torment

There has been a great deal in the press recently about sexual harassment at work, giving the impression that women are either making a fuss about nothing much, or alternatively "asking for it" in some way. I think there is a difference between what most girls would take as good-natured leg-pulling, and situations which are actually rather alarming.

My daughter, Daisy, is no shrinking violet. She is 22, just finished university, has travelled quite a bit and held holiday jobs. She's used to mixing socially, and (if you must know) she's pretty and well turned out, but not in the habit of going to work dressed or made-up in what could be called a come-hitherish style.

This is what she told me last week: 'I've done some bad temping in my time, but this takes the biscuit. The firm is refurbishing a block of offices and I an on the eights floor. I have to pick my way past bags of cement and tottering ladders loaded with paint pots and clusters of leering rogues.

'There are only four women in this twelve-floor building ... Every morning and every lunchtime I try a different entrance, hoping that the loitering groups will be smaller and less intensely leering. To no avail. Every time I get into one of the lifts, these characters cram themselves into the lift with me, pretending to have urgent business on my floor. The only business I can see is their grovelling about in the filing-cabinets down near my desk.

'None of them has actually said anything horrible, but the atmosphere is so unpleasant that I feel like running away. I'm waking up each moring now feeling quite shaky and dreading going to work. I can't wait for the week to end.'

Typical? Other girls I've asked say that it is. What should Daisy have done? Complain to her employers, stick it out (she did), or ask them to stop? Why couldn't she have been left in peace to do her job, as a young man would have been?

Veronica Stokes

Penny Perrick

We're all the same, apart from the differences



These are androgynous times, right enough. Boy George looks girlish in ringlets and flowery frocks, while Sophie Hicks, the new fashion editor of *The Tatler*, looks like a bit of a lad in her Gucci shoes from the men's department. More intellectually, Dr John Nicholson, a psychologist, has written a book which says that men and women are much of a muchness, a view which is also held by author Ann Cornelisen. In her novel, *Any Four Women Could Rob the Bank of Italy*, six women snitch a million dollars from the local mail train but stay off the suspects list since the police hold the view that robbers are, by definition, male. This leads one of the light-fingered ladies to insist, "I say women are as innately evil and grasping or selfish as men and fully as criminal. They have a *right* to equal suspicion."

That's as may be, but in spite of so much gender blending, certain differences are irrefutable. If the day ever dawns when everyone is unisexily dressed in frocks and men's loafers, these differences may provide the only clues as to who is what – if, by that stage, we are still interested in finding out.

Asbestos hands: Women are the people who can take a dish of Boston baked beans straight from the oven and carry it right across the room to the table. Men are the people who, half an hour later, pick up the same now lukewarm dish, and drop it with and ear-curdling "Ouch".

Different intake: Sexual identity can be discovered immediatley on asking the simple question, "would you prefer the chocloate mousse or the lime sorbet?" Women, even rake-thin ones, will choose the sorbet. Somebody (a woman, as it happened) pointed out to me that since women eat less than men do, a man will always be sure of finding some sorbet left in the bowl should he feel like a little something after he's finished the chocolate mousse, which was his first choice. No doubt Dr Nicholson would say that man's greed and woman's abstemiousness has something to do with women being "taught" to feel guilty about lapping up the good things in life. But it goes beyond that. When women over indulge, they feel quite ill afterwards and have to go and have a little lie down, which is a great waste of an afternoon. Whereas, men are born with elasticized stomachs which enable them to leap up after a huge meal, play several sets of tennis and, an hour or so later, ask plaintively whether its teatime yet.

Getting from A to B: Coming across a sign reading "Motorway: 1 mile", men will say, "Thank goodness for that" and increase their speed, while women will look wistfully around for another sign saying "Alternative Routes".

If still in doubt of someone's gender, produce a map and ask which is the best way to Budleigh Salterton. A man will show you how to cut 25 miles off your journey time; a woman will suggest a detour so that you can see the castle precincts.

It has been noted, however, that a great many widows are on the passenger lists of those cruise ships which take a very long time to get to their destination and stop off at several out-of-the-way islands en route. It is often thought that these widows are in search of a second husband. This is not the case. They have had to wait until their first husband died before taking such a meandering journey since, when he was alive, his idea of a holiday was to beat down the *autobahn*.

I think I must have been a premature fitness freak. Long before Tony Benn announced that he was "moving slowly towards a full vegetarian position", I was pushing the steak to the side of my plate and taking a second helping of cabbage. Long before the organizers of a "Spring Celebration at the Savoy" divulged their plans for a "low-cal, high-vit, non-al" evening of music and dancing to end, sensibly, at midnight, I was putting my hand over the top of my wine glass as the waiter approached and asking for Perrier.

I was probably the only 17 year-old in history whose mother told her off for coming home too *early* – I couldn't bear the smoke-filled atmosphere of late night parties. However, the difference between me and more recent converts to clean living is that I really do like vegetables better than meat, prefer water to wine and staying in to going out.

Early to bed and early to rise may make you healthy, wealthy and wise but you won't enjoy it very much if you are a habitué of Tramps and Annabel's. After the low-cal, high-vit, non-al ball is over, I expect a very toxic backlash.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DIARY

by Frank Johnson

Boring for America

The least boring moment of that rather boring debate at the end of last week, held by the eight Democratic candidates in the New Hampshire primary, was when two of them touched on the question of whether the lot of them were boring. We in the audience at St Anselm's College, Manchester, were riveted as this, the sleeping issue of the primary, was raised in public.

The one who did the raising was Mr Rubin Askew, the former governor of Florida. "People have been saying that the campaign is boring," he protested. Mr John Glenn (the astronaut-senator constantly and cruelly described as boring ever since he announced his candidacy for the presidency): "That's only me. *I'm* boring."

Mr Askew: "I don't think he's boring. I think he's an outstanding American." It was a chivalrous gesture to an opponent, though it ignored the possibility that some Americans could be both outstanding and boring (George Washington! Ralph Waldo Emerson! Doris Day!).

Mr Glenn continued: "People say I'm dull and boring. I admit to being dull, but I am not boring." To the observer, Mr Glenn does not seem to be either dull or boring. To have orbited the earth and to be one of the only three astronauts whom most people can remember (the others being, I submit, Gagarin and Armstrong), is not instrinsically tedious. It seems a background inherently more interesting than that of lawyer, the profession of most other American politicians.

But Mr Glenn was following an American tradition in talking openly about his particular problem.

Most of us know that it was in America that drunks were first described as people with a drink problem. But the visitor is unprepared for the extent to which this usage has entered the language.

Thus President Reagan, thought to be less popular with women voters than with men, is described as having a women problem. Mr Edward Kennedy, it is broadly agreed, can never be president because of his Chapaquiddick problem. Everyone with a problem is encouraged to talk about it either to psychiatrists or, less expensively, to the public.

According to the precedents, Mr Glenn, by admitting publicly to his dullness problem, gives hope and self-respect to millions of other Americans who are dull – one in seven, according to the statistics usually quoted on these occasions; or sometimes one in three. Dull Pride, it would soon be called. In time, then, according to the theory, there would be no reason why a dullard could not become president. Sadly for Mr Glenn, the polls suggest that he is ahead of his time, and it will not be him.

You makea the monkey, I senda the baritone

It will be remembered that the Rev Jesse Jackson, the black Democrat in the primary, has been in trouble for some reportedly anti-semitic remarks. He made, or did not make them, in a private conversation heard by a *Washington Post* reporter, who put them in his paper. The consequences have been with us for days, with Mr Jackson using the "out of context" defence, and raging about being persecuted.

In all the reports of the controversy that I have seen or read, it was nowhere stated that the reporter was black. That fact may have no bearing on whether Mr Jackson did make the remarks, or on why the reporter chose to divulge them. But the fact is undoubtedly interesting. It might help some people reach a conclusion as to who is telling the truth.

The omission is an example of the oddities surrounding the subject of race in America. We either hear too much about it, or too little. An example of too much comes from Mr Mario Biaggi, a congressman who has complained about the Virginia Opera Company's production of Verdi's *Rigoletto*. This production, following the example of Dr Jonathan Miller's for the English National Opera and an earlier version in Switzerland, places the story among twentieth century American gangsters.

Mr Biaggi says this is "promoting a stereotype". He adds: "Most gangster figures in the production have Italian names." But the figures in the orthodox productions of the opera, set in a Renaissance court, are no less gangster-like in their behaviour and also have Italian names. This is because it takes place in Italy.

BARRY FANTONI



'We call these Rolls-Royces because they've been sprayed 46 times'

Goodbye Beirut – hello Gulf?

After the Lebanon debacle, Robert Fisk warns of the danger of US involvement in the other Middle East trouble spot

Beirut

Cynics in Beirut claim that President Reagan is walking away from Lebanon like a man abandoning a wrecked car. The adventure has failed, the marines are in retreat. The British made off so fast that they left two army lorries on the quayside at Jounieh, the keys still in the ignition.

Robert McFarlane, Mr Reagan's national security adviser, is telling his colleagues in Washington that an Israeli-Syrian war is imminent, while through the Straits of Hormuz the US navy is practising convoy escorts in case the Gulf collapses too. After Reagan's debacle in Lebanon, the Middle East is becoming a very frightening place.

By awful coincidence, the US humiliation in Beirut occurred at precisely the moment of Iran's spring offensive against Iraq. While the American marines were negotiating with defecting Lebanese Muslim soldiers to abandon their network of underground bunkers around Beirut airport – possibly the most elaborate fortifications built in Lebanon since the Crusades – the Iranians poured thousands of teenage soldiers across the marshes west of Susangerd, threatening to isolate the Iraqi port of Basra.

The Kuwaitis, who have already endured two "accidental" Iranian air raids on their oil wells, now face the possibility that the Iranians may no longer need to cross the sea to enter their territory. Very soon, Khomeini's force may be able to walk across the Iraqi-Kuwaiti frontier.

The Iranians already believe that Mr Reagan will attempt to obscure his defeat in Lebanon by seizing some quick, Grenada-like victory in the Gulf that will reassure the "Arab friends" of whom he so often talks that the US can after all be trusted to stand by its commitments. If the Americans "want to compensate for their disgrace in Lebanon" by supporting Iraq, Iranian President Ali Khamenei warned last week, then Iran could prevent even a drop of oil leaving the Gulf. Lebanon is a catastrophe, but the consequences of an American failure in the Gulf would be incalculable.



Glad to be out, but where next for the marines?

What troubles the Arabs just now is a growing doubt that Mr Reagan truly realizes what is at stake. Over the past week the White House has issued a series of statements of suitable gravitas to the effect that the US would never allow the Straits of Hormuz to be closed. But Mr Reagan has given equally strong commitments to President Gemayel of Lebanon over the past 17 months.

America, the world was repeatedly told, would stand four-square behind the Gemayel government. American marines would not leave until Lebanon's sovereignty was restored. Not only have these promises been broken but Mr Reagan is, almost incredibly, still insisting that things are going fine

After the disintegration of the Lebanese army, he claimed this had not happened. Brigadier General James Joy, the marine commander in Beirut, actually said last week that his men had helped the Lebanese government and army to "progress". The marines were not being withdrawn: they were being "redeployed to ships offshore".

This sort of language may be sufficient to disguise the immensity of America's failure from an electorate who will soon have to choose a new leader, but the nightmares across the Gulf are far more substantial. That is why Saudi Arabia has been throwing itself with such enthusiasm into every initiative and peace plan in Lebanon, flying even Crown Prince Abdullah to Damascus to treat with the Syrians who have gambled and won against Washington.

In theory, the Saudis are trying to save Washington's face, endeavouring to produce a vaguely pro-western formula that will patch Lebanon's corroded fabric. But this is a fiction: almost every Saudi initiative shows Syria's influence, for in reality the Saudis are attempting to ingratiate themselves with the only one of Iran's allies with whom they can talk. Can Syria, perhaps, stem the tide of Khomeini's Islamic revolution? It has come to that.

The Saudis, together with Jordan, realize that time is now desperately short. If Iraq should crumble this year, then the facade of Arab stability will fall away. The expedient triangle of protection that was formed by Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia now looks very shaky indeed. Jordan's volunteer army and Saudi *dinars* have failed to do more than prolong the agony of the Iraqi army as it faces ever greater pressure along its 1,000-mile frontier with Iran.

There was a time when the Americans thought that the Egyptians – with their big, professionally trained army – might be able to step in and save the Gulf. If Iran's human waves could overcome Iraq, then surely they would waste themselves against Egypt's millions. But the hopes that Washington nursed when the 82nd Airborne Division carried out manoeuvres with Sadat's army in the desert have been dashed. Burned by the experience of Camp David, President Mubarak has no desire to be the policeman of the Gulf or to do Washington's bidding when he is trying to lead his people back towards their brothers in the Arab world.

It is far too late for the US to train and equip a Jordanian intervention force to protect the Gulf even though King Husain will be looking to the defence of his own realm if Iraq falls. The Arabs are thus desperate to know what Mr Reagan really plans to do if their worst fears come true. The Americans used the battleship New Jersey to cover their debacle in Lebanon and shot themselves out of the country in the process. It may yet turn out that their action finally sank the Christian Maronites whose president they were supposed to preserve. But the New Jersey cannot lay any smokescreens across the Gulf.

The US embassy in Damascus will be making new overtures to the Syrians, searching for some accommodation with President Assad, although there will be those, like Mr McFarlane, who believe that Syria could be humiliated in a war with Israel. There will undoubtedy be others who profoundly hope that this happens. None of which will help the Arabs of the Gulf.

In fact, ever greater American reliance is likely to be placed upon Israel, the supposedly "unsinkable aircraft carrier" of the Middle East, and the Israelis can expect further US support in the months leading up to the American elections. If Israel appears, however erroneously, to be the only stable society in the region, then Mr Reagan is likely to be content if Tel Aviv plays the role of the Sublime Porte. So far as Beirut is concerned, the American President will probably have to conclude that, as always in Lebanon, the bad guys won.

After Evans, T & G at the crossroads

The Transport and General Workers Union, the country's largest, has embarked on an election to find a successor to Moss Evans as general secretary that could have a profound effect on the direction of the union until the end of the decade, or beyond.

Voting in this very political union may this time not be concentrated on the traditional left or right-wing tickets. A more important factor is likely to be the style of leadership which the two leading contenders would bring to the £20,000-a-year job.

Ron Todd, the union's bluff national organizer, and George Wright, the TGWU Welsh regional secretary, differ little in their support of the left-wing policies which have been the union's hallmark for many years. But there is a wide gulf between them in the way the general secretary should act as the mouthpiece in projecting those policies.

Wright makes no secret of a strong ambition to lead the union back into the front line of the labour movement in the tradition of previous incumbents Jack Jones and Frank Cousins. Todd on the other hand could be expected to adopt a similar style to Moss Evans in regarding the 39-strong executive as the guiding light in pursuing policies and his own role as being to serve the executive.

Whichever is successful, and there are still four other candidates in the race, he will face formidable problems in trying to consolidate what has been a falling membership, representing the union at a time when the public popularity of unions is plumbing the depths and, probably most important, striking the right note in dealings with a government that is succeeding in curbing the influence and power of the unions.

The TGWU has always been regarded as the standard for the left inside both the TUC and the Labour Party. However, its influence in the labour movement was seriously dented last year when the TUC adopted the policy of "automaticity" with unions of 100,000 members or more automatically getting a seat on the general council. That had the effect of reducing the TGWU's ability to support political allies with its 1,500,000 votes and overall gave the general council, a right-wing bias.

The union's response has been to maintain a loose grouping of left-led unions on the general council which aims to continue pressing "progressive" policies and mobilizing support in the movement on key issues as it did when it tried, unsuccessfully, to secure backing for the NGA in the closed shop dispute with Eddie Shah. It is into this arena, where some right-wing union leaders display undisguised delight at "the T & G being taken down a peg or two", that the new general secretary will have to step.





Evans (left) and leading contenders Todd (centre) and Wright

It would be wrong to start writing off the union as a major force in the labour movement because, with its 1,250,000 block vote at the Labour Party conference, it is still a force to be reckoned with, and the party's policies can be seen to be closely allied to those of the TGWU. Todd, in his election address, will make no bones about the fact that he stands fully behind those policies; Wright is equally enthusiastic with the exception of withdrawal from the EEC, where he supports Neil Kinnock's recently expounded aim of wholesale reconstruction of the Community.

Todd has the backing of the broad left, a coalition of left groupings, while Wright has the right's support, but both men disavow affiliation to any faction in the union. Indeed Todd refused to run on the left ticket because of the deals he would have been forced to strike with the far left and he complains bitterly about the assumption that "if people are giving you support you must have done deals with them".

He says that he does not regard any of the candidates as right-wing and in the same vein Wright refuses to accept the right-wing label. He puts himself in the "centre left" camp giving strong support to Neil Kinnock, but is highly critical of the union executive's support for Tony Benn and Michael Meacher in successive elections for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party. Wright regards Benn as "damaging" to the party and says that if elected he will not hesitate to refer back to the membership before using the union's big block votes on important issues.

One of ten children of a Birmingham railway worker, Wright, aged 46, is described by a former colleague at the Wales TUC, where he used to be general secretary, as "sharp, rather than intellectual and passionately ambitious." He is a tireless and effective administrator, a hard-nosed negotiator, and a man who believes in strong leadership. He is also someone who will readily admit to those qualities.

Wright started his union career in the Midland motor industry, which also threw up Evans and Jones, while 56-year-old Todd's power base is in London and the South-east, which has a long tradition of left policiies and industrial militancy. It is a tough breeding ground for those forging a union career and Todd is proud of his association with the union's biggest region.

He is best known as the leading negotiator at Ford and it is fortuitous that as the election campaign starts in earnest he is involved in the high profile dispute surrounding the proposal to close the Dagenham foundry. He could also be said to have the edge over Wright because as national organizer he is able to tour the country and act as "trouble-shooter" in major disputes, particularly those involving liaison with other unions.

For a man with a reputation for being a hard negotiator and who displays, to the media at least, a tough facade, Todd can be an emotional man, especially when discussing his support for unilateral disarmament.

Todd says that he sees no reason to change the policies on which the TGWU has rested for years but thinks that the "rationale" behind the policies needs explaining more fully to the members. Wright, on the other hand, while denying that he would create a right-wing autocracy if elected, says the union needs a "figurehead that's my style of leadership". His early propaganda in the opening shots of the election proclaimed the need for a "crusade to restore the influence and authority of the unions".

A key factor in the election is likely to be the impact of Wright's colleagues: the regional secretaries in the union's 10 regions outside Wales. So far they appear to have split down the middle with London and the South-east, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Liverpool and Bristol supporting Todd and the rest backing Wright.

They are regarded as old fashioned union barons and hold an enormous amount of influence. While Todd's supporters claim that his regional support covers some of the union's biggest branches, the Wright camp say that their man is well ahead on nominations from branches – one of the best guides to the final outcome.

Voting takes place in May with a result being declared at the end of June or in early July. Voting papers are sent to branch secretaries who distribute them either at branch or workplace meetings and votes are cast in an individual secret ballot. There is first a regional count. After counterfoils of the papers used have been verified, a second national count takes place.

Other candidates include Tod Sullivan, national officer of the union's white collar section, Marie Patterson, women's officer, Nick Martin, public services organizer, and George Henderson, who looks after the union's construction section.

While supporters of Todd and Wright are both claiming that their man is in the lead, independents are reluctant to put money on who will be the winner. But one certainty is that it will be the closest election for the top paid job for more than three decades.

David Felton and Barrie Clement

Enter Super Rat, and the ground heaves

Wanted. Pied Piper, fee negotiable. Apply National Farmers' Union, Hampshire Branch.

Super Rat is thriving, bigger, more destructive and, ominously, more prolific than ever in the farms and fields around Sutton Scotney, north of Winchester. Immune to every commonly known poison, including Warfarin, each pair is said to be able to produce 200 offspring a year, and their territory is inexorably expanding.

Their unwelcome presence is causing grave concern to officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and the NFU, who meet regularly to discuss possible courses of action but have so far failed to find a practicable means of keeping the rats at bay.

The first Warfarin-resistant rats appeared near Oswestry, Shropshire, in the late 1950s, but were affectively kept in check by the use of other poisons. The Hampshire colonies appear to have developed a mutant which is resistant to virtually all of these alternatives, most of them anti-coagulants that cause death from internal bleeding.

Scientists at the Ministry's laboratory at Tolworth, near Surbiton, are working on the possibility of using other more toxic poisons. But at present these can be used only under licence, because of the potential risk to other wildlife, farm animals and even humans.

At present the rats themselves are not thought to be a significant danger to human health. But farmers are worried that, if they continue to breed at their present explosive rate, they could devastate crops and grain stores and spread diseases to animals.

"We have struggled with all sorts of poisons, including one which is still advertised as killing Warfarin-resistant rats", Mr Giles Rowsel, who farms two miles from Sutton Scotney, says. "All I can say is that it certainly doesn't kill ours."

The invasion of Mr Rowsel's farm began after the wet summer of 1981, when the rats began attacking autumn-sown crops in the fields. "We had to resow several acres completely and, when we went out and looked at the fields at night under headlights, the whole ground seemed to be moving. You wouldn't dare get out of the car."

He succeeded in bringing the infestation under control by the use of a new poison, Brodifacoum, under a Ministry-approved testing scheme. But, because of an accident by a farmer in Berkshire, which caused the death of a number of pheasants, permission for its use was withdrawn.

Mr Rowsel's first thought was to set himself up as a registered rodent control officer. Eventually he was able to obtain supplies through a local rabbit control society, but he points out that it is still not freely available to farmers.

He is still unable to destroy anywhere near all the rats, which dig up newly sown grain, infest grain stores, eat the food intended for livestock and contaminate the rest, and even gnaw through electric wires.

"What amazes me is that the Ministry is now suggesting that we use zinc phosphide," he says. "I remember my father using it 40 years ago, and it would kill anything that came into contact with it. A dog or a cat only had to pick up a carcase, and that was it."

John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Ferdinand Mount

New rules for the monopoly game

Mrs Thatcher is not generally mentioned in the same breath as Ivan Illich, the American visionary philosopher, yet they appear to share a certain scepticism about the privileges and pretensions of some of the professions.

Anyone who had said five years ago that a *Tory* government would tackle the restrictive practices and monopolies enjoyed by solicitors, stockbrokers and jobbers and opticians would have been mocked. He would have been mocked even more had he gone on to forecast that the same Tory government would be widely reported as examining some of the tax privileges and grants received by farmers and the open-ended system of paying GPs.

Yet the solicitors' monopoly of conveyancing is to go, we are officially told. The opticians' monopoly of selling spectacles is going. And as a result of a bargain struck with the Government, the rigid demarcations and fixed rates of commission are already crumbling on the Stock Exchange.

Perhaps because this *blitzkrieg* has come as something of a surprise to both friends and critics of the Government, it has received a curiously stunned response. Yet the logic behind both the original privilege and its abolition is straightforward enough.

These restrictions are usually relics of ancient measures to protect the customer, which seemed indispensable at the time. Transferring land from one person to another used to be an incredibly tricky business, liable to give rise not only to endless litigation but also to physical violence.

Now that most property is entered on the Land Register, we are moving towards a time when the transaction need be scarcely more complicated than buying a washing machine. Snags do arise even there – about the HP terms, about damage in transit, about whether the thing actually works – but there is no need to hire Sir David Napley every time one enters Rumbelows.

Similarly, until very recently, grinding lenses was done almost entirely by hand. Skill was of the essence. Now that the lenses are imported in bulk and in standard sizes, largely from East Germany, a qualified person is needed only for prescription and treatment, not for supplying the glasses.

The distinction between broker and jobber and the restrictions on both date back to the eighteenth century and earlier, when a series of bubbles, frauds and fleecings had created an almost catatonic terror of the Jobber. These days, it ought to be possible to prevent malpractice without such a rigid and expensive division of toil.

The present reforms are all adjustments to technical change, redrawings of professional frontiers, rather like what happened in the mid-eighteenth century when the old barber-surgeons divided into qualified surgeons and mere shavers and crimpers. Illich, the arch enemy of professional mystique, would go much further and argue that a great deal of present-day doctoring, architecting and teaching is based on false claims to knowing better than the layman.

But mere politicians have much humbler duties. The most they should attempt is to limit statutory protection of professions to what the country can afford and to what is generally agreed to be necessary.

In recent years, governments have shied away from attempting to carry out these duties. In fact, I don't think much has been tried in this line since the great professional associations and colleges began to stack up legal privileges in the nineteenth century. There has been a general silting up of qualification and registration, until even the most free-wheeling trades – hairdressing, beauty parlours, sports coaching, massage – became candidates for licensing.

At the same time, the state has found itself caught up in implicit commitments to sustain economically people who have accumulated qualifications in their chosen trades. Until now, doctors trained in the National Health Service have been virtually guaranteed an income of sorts until retirement. The same applies under a different system to hill farmers. This has come about partly because food and health are so literally vital that the loss of any single producer of either seems a terrible waste. But then ships and coal and steel are fairly vital too. Yet even Labour governments have decided that we are producing too much of these and that yards and pits and plants must be closed.

Will people accept the same sort of argument if the Government were, say, to freeze the number of GPs or remove all incentives to farmers to drain and cultivate more swamp and moorland? Until recently, it would have been impious and politically disastrous even to ask if we could have too many GPs or too much arable land.

But I'm sure that the question does have to be asked. It is unfair that only the poor, because they are more numerous, should take the brunt of technical change, while the middle classes remain protected by statutes and licences which may no longer have any practical point. Indeed, it is, I think, only because of the hardships suffered by workers during the recession that it has become politically possible to tackle the professions at all.

Now and then you read in *Hansard* some intervention such as: **Mr Dennis Skinner** (Bolsover): when are the Tories going to do something about the restrictive practices of their rich City friends/legal fatcats/featherbedded farmers? Every time, a good moral point is made; and a good economic one too.

Anne Sofer

Thatcherism in a Marxist fable

Why, *why*, has nobody thought to put on a new production of Brecht's *Good Woman of Setzuan*? Is there no rising young director with a taste for political satire, or socialist street-theatre lampoonist, who can see its potential?

For those who care for a Marxist analysis, this particular play lends itself to exploitation as a parable for our time. The theme is commonplace: that it is impossible in a capitalist society to be both good and happy. The heroine, Shen Te, is the original golden-hearted prostitute; three gods, travelling through the world looking for "just one good human being" discover her as the only inhabitant of Setzuan prepared to give them a bed for the night, and they reward her by giving her a thousand silver dollars. With this, she sets up a tobacco store, and establishes herself as a friend to the poor in her neighbourhood.

However, she falls victim to cheating and sponging from these very people, and to manipulation by the man whose child she is carrying. On the verge of financial ruin, she mysteriously disappears, and her hard-faced cousin, Mr Shui Ta, enters the scene. With ruthless business acumen, he turns her financial affairs around, and sets up a highly lucrative tobacco factory, exploiting as sweated labour the very beneficiaries of Shen Te's charity. In the end he is accused of murdering Shen Te, and has to reveal all: he and she are one and the same person. Shen Te could not survive without bringing in Shui Ta to do her dirty work.

The gods, who have reappeared to check on their "one good human being", beat a hasty retreat from this anomalous evidence, and – insisting that "everything is in order" and enjoining Shen Te not to use her cousin more than once a month – ascend to heaven on a rosy cloud.

So there we have today's political dramatis personae. The Labour Party, as Shen Te, open-hearted and open-handed, unable to say no to anyone, hopelessly prey to her own conflicting emotions, and incapable of running a whelk-stall, let alone a tobacco store. And on the other side, the Conservative Party as Shui Ta, a woman disguised as a man, brutal and unpopular, undistracted by any humane considerations, but capable – if left alone to manipulate the laws of supply and demand – of delivering the goods for Shen Te and her unborn child, if not for her poor dependents. (And before anyone else points it out to me, let me admit that I can imagine my hypothetical Marxist director casting the Alliance as the gods – forlornly wanting the system to work benignly and unprepared to accept that it never will.)

But even more than the neatness of the parallels, I find another feature of the fable fascinatingly topical, and that is the sexual stereotyping. Shen Te is everything that is receptive and warm and caring – and utterly incompetent. Shui Ta is everything that is hard and thrusting and insensitive – but capable of managing in the real world.

And look how many contentious issues of the day adapt themselves to this polarization. On the one hand we have Greenham Woman, believing that love conquers all; on the other a hard-eyed, tough-talking American cowboy. On this side there is local government, beset like a distracted housewife, by the demands of hundreds of hungry mouths and doling out the rice regardless: and on that, the efficient and unemotional Man in Whitehall, turning his back on their plaintive cries.

Even the motherly education system, gathering its children under its skirts and hidden away from all harm, teaching humane values instead of how to succeed in business, plays the female opposite to that hard taskmaster, the Manpower Services Commission, who grips them by the shoulder and spins them round savagely to face the real world.

All these caricatures are nonsense, of course: but pervasive and influential nonsense. They are fostered, not only by that brand of crude partisan feminism which claims superior moral qualities for the female sex, but – ironically – by the style of the first woman British prime minister herself. It is a style which refuses to combine realism with compassion, or the resolute approach with tolerance. "If you want competence", she seems to say, "you need somebody with none of the traditional female virtues, and I have proved that a woman can do without them as well as any man. You need somebody hard and unrelenting, stubborn and arrogant: you need an Iron Lady, or (she might say if she had read the play) 'a Shui Ta'."

Thus she draws converts to three doctrines I am sure she does not espouse: that capitalism will inevitably collapse through its own internal contradictions, that women can achieve power only if they appear more aggressive than men, and that humane government in a free enterprise democracy is a pipe-dream. Marxism, sexism and cynism. What an achievement!

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CAN PAY, MUST PAY

In an inflationary world it seems that the lender is always wrong and the borrower is always right. What else can explain in the field of international debt that it is always the debtors who blame the lenders, either for lending them too little or too much? Borrowers seem to consider that they are in the right both to borrow too much, and to repay too little.

We should not be surprised, therefore, this week to have received a characteristic message from the Latin American debtors, delivered by the Ecuador foreign minister on a tour through Europe. The message is that this year's tactic is to cooperate with creditors rather than to confront them. The debtors, as one might imagine, are calling for a reduction in interest rates and in the charges levied for rescheduling, and for a stretching of maturities where these threaten to bunch.

How nice for the naughty bankers and nervous governments of the west to know that the bubble they jointly helped to create by inflationary financing is now going to burst in their faces. The Latin American countries owe the United States, Europe and Japan more than 200 billion pounds in debt. The big three, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina, between them will be looking for gross borrowings of more than 35 billion pounds this year, expected to rise to more than 100 billion pounds by the end of the decade. Most of them will be repaid only by taking up further loans to help honour existing obligations. A bunch of maturing loans will occur towards the end of the decade. Latin America's profligate absorption of bank funds has already meant that, according to the latest figures from the Bank for International Settlements, the amount of truly voluntary lending to less developed countries had shrunk to only two billion dollars in the third quarter of 1983. The rest was pre-empted by big borrowers, wanting more of the same.

The scale of Latin America's debt is more significant in ralation to the overall funds the developed world has available to lend to the less developed world, than in relation to Latin America's capacity to meet its obligations. Historically it has been more extended in the past than it is now. When the volume of debt and the cost of servicing it is related to GNP, rather than to export earnings, the burden and cost are often less in those countries than before world war one, when they were regarded as first-class risks. Nevertheless, the negotiations about debts have always been coloured by the implication that the debtors might not pay because they cannot.

At the height of banking fears about less developed countries' debts, President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka said, "Developed countries should wipe out all the depts of the developing countries and start afresh. We just can't pay".

That attitude still permeates the question of international debt. It is skilfully exploited by the borrowers. It is willingly propagated by the banks and the international financial institutions whose operations depend, frankly, on a confidence trick which might not survive the collapse of confidence in the banking system which could result from this bluff being called.

In the Latin American context one can still hear voices cautioning that it is no good flogging a dead horse – in other words, "Give them the money", even if that should mean depriving more prudent would-be borrowers of the opportunity to use such a loan more constructively.

The attitude can be summed up by the saying, "Can't pay, won't pay". That has been the rhetoric of international borrowers when faced with their obligations, but it is not the reality for many of them. Sri Lanka, when Mr Jayewardene made his threat, was a mere 1.5 billion dollars in debt and had just experienced a period of public profligacy while its important rubber and tea estates still languished unproductively under nationalisation. The capital value of Mexico's national oil company, for instance, is at least twice the value of its external debt, yet it has not been suggested that Mexico should dip into these reserves to avoid default.

In most debtor countries, therefore, though the rhetoric may be, "Can't pay, won't pay", the reality behind the negotiations about rescheduling is, "Can pay, won't pay". The unwillingness to meet debt obligations is matched by an unwillingness to pursue policies which constitute the kind of recognizable good housekeeping without which no local bank manager would contemplate lending money to a customer.

This should involve the encouragement rather than the discouragement of direct investment, with freedom to remit dividends. It should show some capacity for setting aside contingency reserves during periods of growth as in the 1960s and early 1970s. It should entail a readiness to provide collateral guarantees for loans in the form of some share in public assets. It should certainly consist of economic and social policies which would command the confidence of the lender in local institutions, so that western banks are not always lured into seeking sovereign guarantees and by so doing inevitably politicizing all economic activity in the country concerned.

The debt question is thus less of a crisis than its practitioners maintain, since their ability to pay primarily rests with themselves and the kind of economic choices they make. Western governments could certainly make a more constructive contribution to this question by themselves reducing tariffs on the products of less developed countries. That coupled with a reduction in interest rates would be a far more effective device than continuing to lend them money.

The real victims of this over-borrowing are those provident developing countries who are now being penalized because funds which they could use constructively for development are still being channelled into areas which have proved to be unreliable yet continue to find favour with bankers. The rescue operations which flutter through the financial pages with such hideous regularity thus do not serve the general interest of world development. They serve the interest of a few profligate developing countries whose governments have pursued unsound policies to the point where they can virtually blackmail their creditors. They serve the interests of the creditors, also, who charge higher rates for rescheduling and luxuriate in the view that sovereign lenders will not default.

The debt crisis is a bankers' crisis since it concerns all bankers trying to escape from facing up to the truth that their previous decisions were wrong. They are now making new loans to debtors, without any further collateral guarantees, in the pretence that the original loans are still performing satisfactorily enough to justify both old and new money. They have lived rich in the comfortable security provided by the idea of sovereign borrowers, and the impossiblity of default. They have grown careless in assessing risks. Why, then, should banks be bailed out by anybody else, let alone the tax payer? The banks are reluctant to admit to their previous folly and poor judgment by writing down the value of their assets in line with the questionable value of their debts, but that reluctance should not become the tax payer's problem.

Sir Alan Walters, lately Mrs Thatcher's economic adviser and now in Washington, has calculated that the nine largest American banks which carry most of the Latin American debt could write down the value of their loans by 25 per cent without causing unbearable frictions in the American banking system. They would, of course, have to expose their shareholders to the consequence of these bad decisions. No wonder they are reluctant to do so; but that is not to say that they cannot do so. They have it in their power, as much as the borrowing countries do in theirs, to cope with the consequences of the earlier lending/borrowing spree. With the banks, as much as with their debtors, it is a question of "Can pay, won't pay".

We need not be stampeded into action to help either lenders or borrowers since they are perfectly capable of taking the required measures themselves once they are firmly brought face to face with the fact that nobody else is going to bail them out. The borrowers must pursue economic and social policies which depend more on attracting and keeping direct investment in their economies; the lenders by bringing their whole banking business into order, writing down bad debts, restoring their capital base and rearranging payment of their loans to big borrowers even when that involves great cost to themselves and their shareholders. It only does so on account of previous decisions for which they should be held responsible.

SOLIDARITY VERSUS SECURITY

At today's Commons debate on GCHQ there will be much talk from both sides of the house about the Government's mishandling of the affair. It is true that the announcement and its aftermath have shown up a ministerial maladroitness which has been deftly exploited by the Government's critics. But it would be superficial to concentrate on the handling, one way or the other, when the heart of the matter concerns questions of national security. It is those which should not be forgotten.

The argument is over whether such a sensitive intelligence gathering institution as Cheltenham is endangered by its servants belonging to trade unions, and therefore being ultimately subject to trade union discipline and open to contacts with fellow trade unionists. On the evidence of the past few years when disruption has occurred, the Government quite rightly took the view that such membership exposed the intelligence operation to unacceptable risks.

The trade unions have opposed that decision, first by claiming that the disruption was not as serious as the government claimed (both sides contradicting the claims made at the time of the 1981 strike) and latterly by offering guarantees that if workers at Cheltenham were allowed to retain their union membership, the trade unions' national organizations would underwrite individual no-strike agreements for their members.

The government found this guarantee unacceptable since it seemed to permit some continued involvement of the national trade union organizations in the affairs of Cheltenham, when its purpose, for national security reasons, had been to insulate GCHQ entirely and permanently from any professional contact with the outside world – trade unions or otherwise. Moreover it would have left the government only with a trade union guarantee that Cheltenham would not be subject to disruption and, in spite of Mr McCall's claim yesterday on the BBC that such a guarantee would be "absolute", the record of trade union guarantees should not inspire one with any confidence as a basis on which to conduct sensitive intelligence operations.

There the matter might have rested until put to the test on March 1, the deadline by when the workers at Cheltenham have to decide whether to take one thousand pounds and leave the union, be moved elsewhere or be sacked. The government claimed that a substantial majority would sign, many having done so already. The affair thus might have ended with some administrative untidiness, concerning those who refused to take the one thousand pounds, and some kind of moral victory for the trade unions. Clearly the trade unions have decided not to risk that eventuality, and are now encouraging workers throughout the whole movement to break their contracts in a show of solidarity with workers at Cheltenham.

The trade union movement has thus provided convincing proof for the Prime Minister in her argument that, when it comes to it, the demands of trade union solidarity tend to become paramount in the trade unionist's mind, above the law, above contract, and thus above the needs of national security. Tomorrow's disruption throughout the country may or may not be noticeable to most people as they go about their business. But the House of Commons should certainly take note of it in advance. If the trade unions are prepared to encourage everybody else to break their contracts to help give some coercive weight to their arguments with ministers about Cheltenham, they cannot really be trusted not to do the same one day again at Cheltenham itself. Whatever the handling or mishandling of the affair by ministers, therefore, the trade unionists' arguments are now wholly discredited.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making the grades for university

From Professor D. C. Smith, FRS

Sir, The figures used by Mr Butt in his article (February 16) need further comment. The statement that there will be 480,000 undergraduates and postgraduates in higher education in the 1990s is misleading, both because reliable data for making such a forecast are not available for the non-university sector of higher education and because the size of the student population will vary from year to year during the 1990s.

What is certain is that, mainly for demographic reasons, demand for university places will not decline in line with falling total numbers of 18-year-olds. Independent studies published by the Royal Society and by other bodies show that home demand for university entrance at undergraduate level can be expected to remain roughly at 1982 levels until 1989, then to fall by 15 to 20 per cent by 1995, and then to rise again.

The net fall in demand during the 1990s will be of the order of 6 to 8 per cent. (The total 18-year-old population, by contrast, will fall by 11 per cent during 1982-89, and by a further 27 per cent by 1995.)

These predictions assume the absence of factors discouraging young persons from applying to university, which of course cannot be taken for granted. Up to 1980/81 an average 54 per cent of all home applicants for undergraduate places at university were successful.

In 1981/82, the first year of major Government cuts in universities, the success rate dropped to 49.4 per cent, in 1982/83 to 46.3 per cent and in 1983/84 to 44.3 per cent. Had pre-1981 success rates been maintained, some 34,000 extra home students would have won places during these three years. So far, however, demand has remained buoyant, despite the decline in success rate.

Emmanuel College's initiative is unlikely to increase significantly the pressure on sixth-formers to achieve good A-level grades: the great majority of university places are already allocated on the basis of A-level grades, head teachers' reports and interviews.

The important issue is to make best use of the nation's pool of talent. The falling success rate of university applicants in the last three years means that this pool of talent will not be developed to the same extent as it was during the 1970s.

The Government is now basing its plans for university expenditure in future years on its own minimum projections of future student demand, which are considerably below any independent projections. This has grave implications for the future of the university system and, ultimately, for the national wellbeing.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SMITH,
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6 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
February 21.

Political funds

From Lord Houghton of Sowerby

Sir, William Rodgers (February 20) has taken you up on one point in your leader (February 18). May I raise another?

You question whether political parties who are unable to raise funds for survival without subsidies can claim to be democratic.

I know of no parliamentary democracy in Europe where that doctrine prevails. In our own country the majority of the only committee to examine this proposition (of which I was chairman) took a different view. While the two major political parties survive without state aid for their activities outside Parliament, who could truly call them democratic?

The Conservatives collect large sums of money from industry when companies debit their shareholders' funds without consent. Labour depends largely upon political levies in trade unions which, you say, are "as voluntary as a benevolence sought by a Stuart king".

In this way the great divide in British politics is financed. In this way, too, is preserved the palpable fiction in our system that political parties can claim mandate and power when many more electors have rejected them than supported them at the general election.

I am, Sir,
HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY,
House of Lords.
February 20.

Consequences of GCHQ decision

From Sir Kenneth Lewis, MP for Stamford and Spurling (Conservative)

Sir, The apparently final decision of the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to continue the ban on individual trade union membership at GCHQ at Cheltenham is a great mistake. It could be one of those political watersheds after which nothing is quite the same.

Edward Heath, and his then Solicitor General, Sir Geoffrey Howe, had it in 1970. The 1970 Trade Union Bill, drafted by Sir Geoffrey was such a watershed. The Government had to kill off its own Act. It was too strong, too dry, too ill-considered. The 1974 election was lost by the Conservatives on trade union issues: the trade union Bill was the start of the rot.

The present Prime Minister with Mr James Prior and Mr Norman Tebbit, her Ministers of Employment in the last parliament, was gradual and sensible in the introduction of trade union reform. Firm but fair.

Following the heavy Labour loss at the general election the trade unions have moved towards acceptance of what the Government was doing, seeking only to influence rather than standing aside and lining up only with Labour.

All this may well go with Cheltenham. It could be the 1970 Bill – a new cause celebre – all over again. It may be that this will prove to be the banana skin of the Government's own placing which will remain there for the rest of this Parliament. And, of course, this matter has been under consideration long enough for the Government to know that many Conservative MPs and others have warned of likely consequences.

The Government are right to seek to end a trade union negotiating shop at Cheltenham. But to tell individuals there, whom successive governments have encouraged to join trade unions, that they cannot be union members, even when they accept that such membership will have no negotiating clout, is not only absurd but it is also disturbingly restrictive on the very freedoms GCHQ is there to preserve.

The hard line the Government took was justified only in order to get a copper-bottomed deal from the trade unions. They should have picked up the deal they were offered.

They will have to live with the consequences of not doing so and, I believe, those consequences will be there for the rest of this Parliament. And that is sad when it could and should have been otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH LEWIS,
House of Commons, SW1.
February 24.

From Mr J. M. B. Corfe

Sir, The bargaining power of a union to improve conditions for its members is derived, in the last resort, from its power to threaten and ultimately to call its members out on strike. Removing the ultimate weapon – e.g., by a non-strike agreement at GCHQ – is like cutting Samson's hair.

No wonder workers at GCHQ would rather take a lump sum of £1,000 instead of continuing to pay union dues to a powerless union. If it is not true that the union would then be powerless, no wonder Mrs Thatcher has held firm.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. B. CORFE,
Ightham Vineyards,
Ivy Hatch,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Police powers

From Mr C. Wegg-Prosser

Sir, I have been regularly attending the meetings of the standing committee on the second Police and Criminal Evidence Bill on behalf of Justice. For twelve years I have been a member of the executive committee of Justice and was chairman of its committee on wrongful imprisonment which reported in 1982.

For nearly 40 years I have been a solicitor actively engaged in criminal practice and for ten years was a member of the Council of the Law Society. Having written much on the police, I am proud to count many members of the police service among my friends.

On the basis of my experience, I warmly welcome the views expressed by Geoffrey Bindman in his article about the proposed powers to detain, published on February 20. I would like, however, to add one vital point.

Prolonged detention for questioning can itself bring about a miscarriage of justice. This has been the experience of Justice in investigating cases over many years. The recent BBC *Rough Justice* programme highlighted this in the Livesay case, where a mother wrongly confessed to having killed her son after three days of questioning.

The cases of Binns and Covill, extensively reported in the 1978 and 1981 Justice annual reports, provide further examples. The Confait case itself was a classic instance. This led to the setting up of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure and the present Bill and I wonder how the proposals on prolonged detention would prevent the Confait situation recurring.

On the first appearance of the Police Bill the Law Society – politically neutral, like Justice – took the unprecedented step of urging all its members to lobby against this provision.

The dangers of prolonged detention for questioning are so great and the gains so doubtful that I urge all members of the legal profession to lobby their members of Parliament against this provision and all Conservative MPs who are concerned about the matter to think again and to bear in mind the reservations expressed by some of their colleagues during the second reading debate.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES WEGG-PROSSER,
22 Kildare Terrace, W2.
February 21.

Critics of modern music

From Mrs Elizabeth Roche

Sir, While it is impossible not to sympathise with Mr John Lambert's complaint (February 21), it is also impossible to deny that the articles to which he and his fellow-signatories object may well be an uncomfortably just expression of the views of the musical public at large.

Taste in serious music is difficult if not impossible to measure, but it is perhaps not without significance that with one notable exception the music of the Second Viennese School and of Western Europe since 1945 occupies an infinitesimal proportion of Radio 3's two weekly request programmes, *Your Concert Choice* and *Your Midweek Choice* (in 1983 the former was represented by just one work by Schoenberg).

The exception is Britten, who with four performances in 1983 came twenty-fifth out of the 217 composers requested at least once during the year. That the listening public is not, however, indifferent to all music composed since 1900 is proved by the popularity of Elgar and Vaughan Williams (who shared eighth place with Mendelssohn), Shostakovich (who shared thirteenth place with Liszt and Walton) who shared fifteenth place with Vivaldi, Schumann and Saint-Saens). Frank Bridge, Delius, Holst, Janacek and Prokofiev are among other twentieth-century figures requested three or more times during the year.

The overall pattern of requests in this and previous years suggests that they are likley to be a fair mirror of Radio 3 listeners' preferences; it is also strikingly similar to that revealed by an analysis of gramophone records issued since 1962.

It is, of course, a matter of concern that so much of the music of this century has failed to achieve wide popularity. What is especially curious is that where the Second Viennese School is concerned the situation seems to have remained almost unchanged for 50 or 60 years – it still attracts comments of the kind made by those who attacked the BBC for championing so-called "Central-European extremism" in the 1920s and 1930s.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH ROCHE,
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Ushaw Moor,
co Durham.
February 21.

Promises at the font

From Mr Donald M. Clarridge

Sir, "Buckingham Palace" is quite right this time: godparents are indeed a private matter for the parents. Let us hope it gets the other matter right this time. Baptisms, even royal ones are not a private event.

The world witnessed the marriage vows of Prince Charles and his bride. How much better for us all to hear the baptismal promises on behalf of a royal child as the Church of England directs. We could well give life to someone else.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. CLARRIDGE,
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Joy from transplants

From Sir Michael Woodruff

Sir, It seems inconceivable that anyone who has witnessed and shared the joy of people who have received what Professor Calne has called "a gift of life" in the form of an organ transplant, or the disappointment of those for whom no transplant has become available in time, could fail to be concerned about the need to increase the number of organs available for transplantation.

It seems inconceivable, too, that anyone could fail to understand why transplant surgeons who have felt driven to remove a kidney from a healthy volunteer donor when they could see no other way of saving the life of a brother, sister or child, should strive so hard to increase the availability of cadaver organs.

It is sad that Mr Bernard Levin's recent article (February 17), grotesquely entitled "The post-mortem body shop", gives no expression to these concerns.

Despite the grave defects in his article, however, I side with Mr Levin in opposing the proposal to change the law relating to the removal of organs after death from a contracting-in to a contracting-out system. This is not because I share Mr Levin's fear that the present safeguards are insufficient to eliminate the possibility that a person certified as dead may sit up and say, "Oh, no I'm not", nor because I feel outraged at the thought of my dead body being used as a source of spare parts for living people in need – indeed, quite the reverse.

I object primarily because there are indeed people who feel as Mr Levin does about these matters and contracting-out legislation is a sneaky way of arranging, in this and other contexts, that people who are too careless, or indolent or frightened to object publicly in advance, will find themselves committed to something they really disapprove of, sometimes quite strongly.

In the special case of organ transplants, as distinct from the Labour Party levy from trade unionists, there is the further objection that the proposed change to a contracting-out system may well prove to be counter-productive.

Many people who have allowed me to remove a kidney from a deceased relative – often a young person tragically killed in an accident – have told me later how they found consolation at a time of great sadness in the knowledge that by their decision they had helped to give life to someone else.

Such people communicate their feeling to others; in so doing they help to create an expanding population of enlightened and public-spirited people who, should the situation arise, would act in the same way themselves.

On the other hand, a person who learns that organs have been removed from someone they think would have objected but had not formally contracted out, is likely to feel resentful and to communicate his resentment to others.

These are personal views, and I know many people, both medical and lay, who have thought deeply about the question and disagree with me.

Yours faithfully,
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February 19.

Time for talks on Falklands

From Lord Chelwood

Sir, Mr Monk (February 24) says, on behalf of the Falkland Islands Government, that it is "too early" for talks even about "links" between the islands and Argentina.

The islanders' intransigence when British governments, Labour and Tory, sought an agreement with Argentina that preserved in essence their right to self-determination was a major cause of the spilling of so much blood.

It would be a tragedy if both governments had learned their lesson and the islanders had not.

It is time to talk.

Yours sincerely,
CHELWOOD,
House of Lords.
February 24.

Royal broadcasts

From Lord Blake

Sir, Mr Enoch Powell asks (February 23) when the convention that ministers do not advise upon or take responsibility for the Queen's Christmas and Commonwealth Day messages was "declared".

Conventions are not always declared. They can grow from long usage, as has occurred in this case.

Mr Powell also asks what ministers accept responsibility for the convention "remembering that advice that advice is not requisite is also advice". But most constitutional experts agree that there are, and long have been, matters (a few) on which the Crown does not need to take ministerial advice.

If ministerial advice is not needed, ministerial advice that it is not needed is also not needed.

Yours faithfully,
BLAKE,
House of Lords.
February 23.

Soviet ceremonial

From Mr Christopher A. P. Binns

Sir, I would like to make one or two supplementary points in connexion with your leader of February 15, "The opium of the people", in which you cite my work on Soviet ceremonial. Firstly, it would be incorrect to assert, as you do, that "ideological content is wholly absent" in the new ceremonies introduced under Khrushchev and Brezhnev.

While explicit ideological formulation is less prominent in secular weddings, name-givings and funerals, in ceremonies which focus upon the individual's place in the group (such as the "initiation into the working class" ceremony) it is usually quite prominent, and even more so in the new festivals devoted to particular professional groups ("Builder's Day", etc). My point was that, whatever the ideological content, it is not perceived by the participants as the main point of the occasion, but only as a formal duty, like a religious absolution.

Secondly, it should be stressed that this attention to ceremonial form is not just an occasional manifestation linked with major events in Soviet public or private life, but pervades the whole of Soviet everyday public life: it is indeed a fundamental mechanism of Soviet politics and society. The obsession with rule-guided ceremonial masks the absence of constitutional ground-rules at vital points in the political process, nowhere more obvious than at a time of leadership succession.

The enormous resources still devoted to political socialization or "agitprop", of which the ceremonies and festivals form just a part, are designed to produce not ideological conviction but a correct observance of public form, a public demonstration of political loyalty which binds the participants by the very act of public commitment, and in this aim the effort has been quite successful.

Yours sincerely,
C. A. P. BINNS,
University of Manchester,
Manchester.

Death in Sri Lanka

From the Chancellor of the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

Sir, May I correct your reference in your report of January 17 to last July's racial disturbances in Sri Lanka?

It is unfortunately true that one of this university's lecturers was attacked and stabbed by a mob. However he died while under medical treatment, and was definitely *not* murdered in his hospital bed.

Though the distinction may seem a minor one, any rumour which contributes to ethnic hatreds is to be deplored – especially as the facts in this case could have been readily checked by a phone call to myself or the Vice-Chancellor.

I might mention that not a single Tamil student or lecturer was injured or harrassed on this campus, and the behaviour of both staff and student body was exemplary.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR C. CLARKE, Chancellor,
University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka,
Katubedda, Sri Lanka.

Cross words

From Mr Vivian Vale

Sir, Dr Charles Cruickshank's invitation (February 6) has elicited all too few examples of lexicographers' self-indulgence. Perhaps, then, we should record just one instance of their self-mortification? I refer to that wry definition by the Scots editor of Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary under *Leal, Land o' the* – "Paradise, not Scotland". Deleted, alas, from the 1972 edition.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIAN VALE,
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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 25: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, arrived at Gatwick Airport – London this moring from The Gambia.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Chilworth (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport – London this morning upon the departure of The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia and bade farewell to His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

February 26: Mr George Gordon and Mr Philip Greenaway had the honour of being received by The Queen at Windsor Castle this morning when Her Majesty decorated them with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 26: The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Edward Adeane, Mr David Roycroft and Lieutenant-Colonel David Bromhead, arrived at Heathrow Airport – London this moring in a Royal Air Force VC10 aircraft from Brunei.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 25: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Association for Gifted Children, this morning visited Merseyside and Wirral Branch at Paddington Comprehensive School. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened Thirlmere Green Housing Development and the new Sports Hall at Huyton College, Knowsley, Liverpool.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

February 26: The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was present at a Gala Evening "If They Could See Me Now" in aid of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus at Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

Memorial services for the Duke of Beaufort will be held on Friday, March 23, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at noon; in Bristol Cathedral at noon, and in Gloucester Cathedral at 3 pm. Will those wishing to attend at Bristol or Gloucester please write to the Clerk to the Lieutenancy at either Avon House, Bristol, or Shire Hall, Gloucester; and those wishing to attend in London please notify RHQ Household Cavalry, Horse Guards, Whitehall, SW1, by March 9.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Lucy Duff-Grant will be held on Monday, March 19, at noon, in the Chapel of St Thomas's Hospital, London, SE1.

A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. V. Higgon will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at noon today.

Birthdays today

Sir Myles Abbott, 78; the Marquess of Bute, 51; Viscount Cowdray, 74; Mr Lawrence Durrell, 72; Vice-Admiral Sir Kaye Edden, 79; Sir Peter Emery, MP, 58; Sir Berkeley Gage, 80; Sir Philip Hay, 66; Mr Mervyn Jones, 62; Mr Hugh Leggat, 59; Mr G. Maitland Smith, 51; Air Marshal Sir Harold Martin, 66; Sir Algernon Rumbold, 78; Mr Irwin Shaw, 71; Miss Antoinette Sibley, 45; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, 52.

Marriages

The Hon Hugh Fairfax and Miss V. J. Neave

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Eaton Square, of the Hon Hugh Fairfax, son of the late Lord Fairfax of Cameron and of Sonia Lady Fairfax of Cameron, of Gay's House, Holyport, Berkshire, and Miss Victoria Neave, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Digby Neave, of Champflour Marly-le-Roi, France. The Rev Desmond Tillyer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white wild silk and taffeta trimmed with small pearls. Her silk tulle veil was scattered with pearls and held in place by a headdress of white flowers. She was attended by Catherine Webb, Sophia Morris-Sheppard, Lucinda Peel, Stephanie Cole, Leonie Purchase and Naomi Willis. Mr Crispin Vaughan was best man.

A reception was held at the Turf Club and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Sir Thomas Ingilby, Bt and Miss E. C. R. Thompson

The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints Church, Ripley, North Yorkshire, of Sir Thomas Ingilby, Bt, only son of Lady Ingilby and the late Sir Joslan Ingilby, of Ripley Castle, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Miss Emma Thompson, only daughter of Major and Mrs R. R. Thompson, of Whinfield, Strensall, York. The Rev K. B. McAlister and the Rev G. C. Galley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of Ottoman silk and a veil of Honiton lace held in place by a headdress of fresh flowers. She carried a bouquet of freesias, orchids, jonquils and ivy. Oliver Robinson, Toby Hugh, Catharine Scott-Hopkins, Rebecca Pulleyn, Jessica Mayhew and Sally Wallace attended her. Mr James Dalrymple-Hamilton was best man.

A reception was held at Ripley Castle and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D. E. Griffith-Jones and Miss V. A. M. Brown

A service of blessing was held in Haslemere, Surrey, on Saturday after the marriage of Mr David Griffith-Jones and Miss Virginia Brown.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. J. de Sibert and Miss C. I. von Kotze

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs Frederic de Sibert, of Woodside, California, and Isabella, daughter of Mr John von Kotze, of Cherington, Gloucestershire, and Lady (Francis) Peek, of Mas de Terron, Nice.

Mr H. Budgen and Miss L. MacKintosh

The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of Mrs Cornelia Budgen and the late Mr Henry K. Budgen, of Rushmere Hall, Rushmere, Suffolk, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mrs Anne Mackintosh and the late Mr Ian Mackintosh, of The Manor House, Blofield, Norfolk.

Mr R. A. Craig and Miss P. J. Smith

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr J. H. Craig and the late Mrs Craig, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Paulina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. C. Smith, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr G. D. Lees and Miss L. J. Newell

The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mr and Mrs D. W. Lees, of Rodmell Grange, Rodmell, Sussex, and Lydia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Newell, of Pitt Farm, Wereham, Norfolk.

Dr D. G. B. Taylor and Dr H. J. Armstrong

The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr W. G. Taylor and of Mrs M. Taylor, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Helen, daughter of Mr H. H. Armstrong and Dr P. J. M. Armstrong, of Cheadle, Cheshire.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: C J T Chamberlen to staff of FO Portsmouth as CSO, CP and QHM Portsmouth, July 6; R G Heaslip to be promoted Rear-Admiral and to be Deputy Asst COS (Operations) on staff of Supreme Allied Cdr Europe, April; R A Isaac to Thunderer in Cmd, Aug 17; J L Weatherall for duty inside MOD as Capt RN Presentation Team, April 19.
COMMANDERS: R S Blackman to Sultan addl for duty with the AIB as Bd President, June 11; A M Croxford to Neptune addl as Base Supply Offr, July 3; J E Dykes for duty inside MOD with DIS, Aug 7; M J Larmuth to Sultan addl as XO, July 3; M J Sime to Resolution (Port) (SM) in Cmd, May 29.
SURGEON COMMANDER: J R Haydon to Staff of FOSNI as SMO and NMOH, June 26.

Retirements
CAPTAIN: C G Le Mesurier, June 12.
COMMANDERS: C E Batty, April 6 R de G Hanson, April 22.

The Army

BRIGADIERS: J O C Alexander to MOD as DOR, March 1; G B Fawcus to HQ 1 Corps as ACOS, March 1.

COLONELS: R S Halford to 10 Dent Gp as CO, Feb 27; J Restall to Mil Hosp Aldershot as Cons in Anaesth, Feb 28; M J M Oden to 15 Ord Gp as comd, March 2.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J A Craven to BMH Fl as Dental Offr, March 2; G W Howard to 13 Sig Regt as CO, March 1; M I Keun to 1 RTR as CO, March 29; C J Pickup to HQ Northag as SO1, Feb 29; P A R Prior to MOD as SO1, Feb 27; A J Sandiford to HQ Engr Sp as SO1, Feb 28; J H B Taylor to RMCS as SO1, Feb 27; I M Vaughan-Arbuckle to Log Sp Bn Fl as CO, March 2; F H Pedley to 8 Sig Regt as CO, Feb 27; C M Davies to MOD as SO1, Feb 27.

Retirements
Col R A Dunbar-Miller (late RAMC), March 4; Col R M Harms (late DWR), March 4.

RAF

AIR COMMODORE (acting Air Vice-Marshal): J Porter to MOD(PE) as Director General Aircraft 2, Feb 11.

AIR COMMODORES: D M Reader to RAFSC as Air Cdre Signals and Cmdt RAF Signals Engineering Estab Henlow, Feb 3.

GROUP CAPTAINS: J J R Cohu to HQBFFI as Air Commander, March 1; B B Batt to Santiago, Chile, for diplomatic duties, March 1; R B Gubbins to HQ 18 Group for staff duties, March 2.

WING COMMANDERS: K O Harding to RAF Odiham as OC Ops Wg, March 2; J Hodgson to HQ RAFSC as Est 1, March 2; M J Jones to SM45 (RAF) MOD Carlisle, March 5; C A Cooper to RAFE RAE Farnborough as RAF Adviser Radio and Nav Dept, March 5.

SQUADRON LEADERS (acting Wing Commanders): R H O Johnson to 30 MU Sealand as OC Supply Wing, March 5; R A Wright to RAF Staff College Bracknell on DS, Feb 27; J Routledge to RAF Abingdon as OC Admin Wing, Feb 27; L Shelton to RAF Newton as OC Admin Wing, Feb 27; B L Johnson to HQRAFSC MM, Feb 20.

Service dinner

Movement Control Regiment RCT (V)

Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. Spackman, Commanding Officer and officers of 162 Movement Control Regiment RCT (V), held their regimental dinner on Saturday at Depot RCT TA, Grantham. The principal guest was Brigadier A. F. R. Evans. Major P. J. Wandless presided.

Clifford Longley

The ecclesiological revolution

The Ecclesiological Society, according to the new Church of England Year Book, was founded in 1839 for the study of church architecture. The word "ecclesiology" is now universally used to mean the study of a very different kind of structure, the mystical entity called "the church". It is now a branch of theology, and the one most in fashion in the present day.

Every age has its own way of filling in the missing space in the sentence "All questions are at root ... questions." Today the answer is "ecclesiological"; even secularism, or morality without religion, indeed even Marxism can be fed into the jaws of that intellectual machine the better to understand them.

In the churches themselves, ecumenism, women priests, salvation, liturgy, authority, mission, doctrine, scripture, and social justice are all grist to ecclesiology's mills. All the interesting things being said about them are ecclesiological.

In the first place, it is becoming recognized that Christianity, as we have received it, is the product of the early church. The New Testament is that church's testament, not a source of factual information independent of the insights and prejudicies of the Christian communities of the first century; similarly such doctrines as the divinity of Christ were devised by those communities. Christian anti-semitism has the same origins.

Thus inescapably the early church must have acquired an authority to teach and an authority to develop its teaching; and in spite of that authority it must sometimes have been wrong. Ecclesiology's first job is to take that raw data and make sense of it, asking both what was the nature and limit of that authority and what was the nature of a community which possessed it. Without some sort of answer, Christianity has no content.

Ecclesiology's second job is to understand the subsequent history of the church, to make sense of that raw data; and its third job is to speak of that history's present result, the contemporary church. The same question occurs: what has survived of the early church's authority, and what authority does the contemporary church have to teach and to develop its teaching?

Whether the church can ordain women, engage in politics, marry the divorced, accept the papacy, reinterpret Scripture: all are forms of the questions, "What is the church?" and "What is its authority?"

The British churches have for a long time been shy of ecclesiology, not least because of the extreme difficulty of disentangling a pure idea of the church from all its partly false manifestations, the things called churches which we know.

But there is a subtle ecclesiological revolution happening in the Church of England, a fundamental change of self-perception accompanied by a change of theoretical models. A conscious Anglican ecclesiology is emerging; and it overlaps considerably with the already existing but rapidly altering ecclesiology of the Roman Catholic Church; and with the beginnings of an ecclesiological shape to theology in the Free Churches.

Nevertheless, there is still a good deal of raw data not yet digested: Anglican ecclesiology stalls when it meets the question of Establishment; Roman ecclesiology stalls when it has to cope with the existence of Anglicans; Free Church ecclesiology tries to ignore a thousand years of church history, as if St Augustine and Luther were contemporaries.

Hardly yet on the agenda is the relationship between the individual and the church. Ecclesiology presupposes that there is more to the church than the sum of its separate parts; but the separate parts want to know where they now stand.

Is "being a believing Christian" – the pre-ecclesiological thing-that-mattered – to be replaced entirely by "being a member of the church"? It sounds both sectarian and oppressive. Yet it seems that without the church there would be no such thing as a Christian.

In Britain the real difficulty is the strangeness of those concepts, which imply a philosophy and metaphysics alien to the pragmatic and utilitarian character of the secular culture. That would prefer the church to have stayed with its 1839 definition of ecclesiology, concerned with bricks and mortar.

It has heard, but not understood, that science has redefined bricks and mortar as an incident in space-time, a phenomenon of fields and waves no more "concrete" than angels, no easier to grasp than the influences and forces that ecclesiology tries to unravel.

That will be the ecclesiologists' eventual undoing, unless those outside these mysteries can be brought within. Otherwise they will see things happening they will not like, and turning their backs muttering, "but a church is a church is a church".

Branching out: Mr Clive Matthew, a professional hedgelayer, displaying his skills at the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers' national hedgelaying weekend event, which was held at Southwell, Nottinghamshire. (Photograph: Barry Beattie).

Runcie to visit Caribbean

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, is to visit the Caribbean next month. Dr Runcie leaves London for his four-week pastoral visit to the Anglican province of the West Indies on Wednesday, March 7.

He starts his tour with a visit to British troops in Belize. His itinerary will take him to the eight dioceses of the province.

Fan Makers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fan Makers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr R H Husband; Free Warden, Mr S J Shelton; Foreign Warden, Mr M S Ross Collins; Clerk, Mr R Southcombe.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Michael Ricketts to be chairman of the British Atlantic Education Committee.

Latest wills

Mrs Florence Delaplaine Manser, of West Hoathly, West Sussex, left £1,344,950 net.
Miss Janet Murray, Rosie, of Southport, left £98,111 net. After a personal bequest of £200 she left the residue equally between the NSPCC and the Family Service Units, Liverpool.

Other estates include (Net, before tax paid):
Duncan, Mr Henry John, of Stockbridge, Penrith, builder £266,306

Parliament this week

Commons. Today (2.30): Debate on CGHQ.
Tomorrow (2.30): Debate on Welsh affairs.
Wednesday (2.30): Timetable motion on Rates Bill. Motions on EEC documents on contracts negotiated away from business premises and on food aid. Barclays Bank Bill, second reading.
Thursday (2.30): Motion on Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order.
Friday (9.30): Private member's motion on provision of homes.

Select committees: Today: Education, Science and Arts. Subject: Effect on the arts of the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan authorities. Witnesses: Museums and Galleries Commission; Theatrical Management Association; Association of British Orchestras (4.30).
Environment. Subject: Green belt and land for housing. Witnesses: Department of Environment (4.30).

Public Accounts. Subject: Wardale enquiry into Property Services Agency frauds: systems controls in district works offices. Witnesses: Sir Geoffrey Wardale; Mr A. M. Alfred, Property Services Agency (4.45).

Tomorrow: Education, Science and Arts. Subjects: Effect on the Arts of the abolition of the GLC and the Metropolitan County Councils. Witnesses: Association of Metropolitan Authorities; Birmingham City Council, London Borough of Bromley, Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council, London Borough of Tower Hamlets; Association for Business sponsorship of the arts (10.30).

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. Subject: Ambulance Service, co-operation between health authorities and social services departments. Witnesses: Airedale Health Authority, Yorkshire Region H.A.; North Bedfordshire County Council (Social Services Dept) (6).
Wednesday: Defence. Subject: Weapons performance in the Falklands. Witnesses: Ministry of Defence (RAF) (10.30).

Welsh Affairs. Subject: Impact of regional industrial policy on Wales. Witness: Welsh Development Agency (11).

Home Affairs. Subject: Remands in custody. Witnesses: Magistrates' Association; Barristers' Clerks' Association (4.15).
Public Accounts. Subject: Systems controls in district Works offices. Witness: Mr A. M. Alfred, Property Services Agency (4.15).
Environment. Subject: Green belt and land for Housing. Witnesses: Housebuilders Federation and Volume Housebuilders Study Group: Consortium Developments Ltd (4.30).
Trade and Industry. Subject: British Steel Corporation. Witnesses: BL Representatives (4.30).

Treasury and Civil Service sub-committee. Subject: Acceptance of outside appointments by Crown servants. Witnesses: Confederation of British Industry (4.30); Institute of Directors (5.30).
Thursday. Agriculture. Subject: The effect of feedstuff prices on the UK pig and poultry industries. Witness: Ministry of Agriculture (10.45).

Lords. Today (2.30): Cable and Broadcasting Bill, report, first day.
Tomorrow (2.30): Town and Country Planning Bill, third reading. Education (Amendement) (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Housing and Building Control Bill, committee, first day.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on foreign affairs and disarmament.
Thursday (3): Cable and Broadcasting Bill, report, second day.

Select committees. Tomorrow: EEC subcommittee A (Finance, Economics and Regional Policy). Evidence on European Development Fund (4).
Thursday: EEC Subcommittee F (Energy, Transport, Technology and Research). Evidence on social regulations for road transport (11).

Progress of legislation

Commons. Feb 20: Occupiers Liability Bill completed the remaining stages. Feb 21: Parents' Aid Bill read a first time. Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill read a second time and completed the remaining stages. Feb 22: Trade Union Membership Rights Bill read a first time. Feb 23: Pensions Commutation Bill read a second time and passed the remaining stages. Merchant Shipping Bill passed the remaining stages.

Lords. Feb 20: Telecommunications Bill further considered in committee and adjourned. Town and Country Planning Bill passed the report stage. Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill read the third time and passed. Feb 21: Dangerous Vessels Bill read a first time. Surrey County Council Bill, Swavesey Bye-Ways Bill, Warwick District Council Bill, all read a second time. Telecommunications Bill completed the committee stage. Feb 23: Agricultural Holdings Bill read the third time and passed. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill passed the committee stage. Animal Health and Welfare Bill passed the report stage. Feb 24: Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No 2) Bill passed its committee stage; Recreational Gardening Bill read a second time.

Course to advise girls on career in engineering

Girls in the fifth or sixth form at school who are interested in a degree in engineering are invited to apply for places on a residential course this summer at 12 universities in the United Kingdom (Our Education Correspondent writes).

The young women chosen for the 45 places, which are free apart from the cost of travel, will have the chance to find out whether they would like to pursue a career in engineering. They will learn about the kind of work involved in the various degree courses on which a career as a professional engineer are based.

They will meet practising engineers and university staff, and there will be visits to companies. The scheme, called Insight '84, is sponsored by the Engineering Industry Training Board and the programmes last at least four days in July and early August.

The universities taking part are Aston, Bath, Cardiff, Imperial College (London University), Oxford, Salford, Sheffield, Bradford, Dundee, Nottingham, Surrey and Warwick and the closing date for applications is May 11. Further information available from Mr Douglas Ward, EITB, Crown House, Seacroft Town Centre, Leeds LS14 6LY.

OBITUARY

PROF JACK ALLEN
Hydraulic modelling in Britain

Professor Jack Allen, formerly Jackson Professor of Engineering at the University of Aberdeen, who died on February 1, was renowned for his work on hydraulic modelling.

His academic career began at the University of Manchester where Osborne Reynolds, who held the first Chair of Engineering there from 1868 had made outstanding contributions to the science of fluid mechanics, in the course of which he demonstrated the potential for modelling of tidal rivers and estuaries.

The Manchester school developed this art with the result that when Allen was appointed to the Chair at Aberdeen in 1946 he was able to establish a school of research which was second to none. Many post-graduate students from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth who worked under his guidance now hold Chairs in civil engineering hydraulics.

When Sir Claude Inglis established the Hydraulics Research Station, Allen was one of his advisers. He bought Allen's book *Scale models in hydraulic engineering* in bulk for the edification of his staff. Allen was the undisputed academic master of hydraulic modelling in post-war Britain.

He received honorary doctorates from the universities of Manchester in 1968 and Aberdeen in 1975.

Following retirement from Aberdeen in 1969, he served on a number of committees and was chairman of the Research Advisory Group of British Transport Docks Board.

MR GEOFFREY BROWNE

Mr Geoffrey Browne, who died on February 17 at the age of 76, was the first director of the Economist Intelligence Unit, and as such built it up from an initial staff of three until it become one of the largest institutions of its kind, providing information on applied economics.

Browne was appointed in 1947 by Lord Crowther, then Editor of *The Economist*. He began by recruiting graduates straight from the universities, but then went on to take on a growing number of economists with research experience in industry, commerce, banking and transport. The number of publications also grew.

In 1956, when the EIU was reconstituted as a wholly owned subsidiary company of the *The Economist*, Browne was appointed managing director; and he remained in that post until his retirement in 1971. He then became honorary president.

Browne saw the aims of the EIU as finding for its clients larger markets, outlets for new products, opportunities for diversification, and development possibilities in the Third World. In the 1950s, as the European economies grew, he tapped the need of American companies for information about this continent.

He leaves a widow and three children.

FLORENCE McHUGH

Florence McHugh who died on February 20 aged 77, was trained primarily as a singer but she was also, during a too brief London career, an actress as attractive and swiftly intelligent as she was adaptable.

No one could question her adaptability: within a few years she appeared in a ballad-opera; revue; Ibsen; and (with Sybil Thorndike) in *Granite* when she created the part of the 15-year-old girl that was to be one of her favourites.

A Canadian, born at Calgary on October 14 1906, she continued her singing studies, from 1923, at the Royal College of Music in London. There (she became ARCM) she studied also for the stage, with Cairns James, and made a debut in the ballad-opera *Mr Pepys* (Everyman and Royalty) in the spring of 1926.

That summer (Ambassadors) she was the young maidservant with her fragments of song ("Cruel Coppinger" and the rest) in Clemence Dane's *Granite*, the fierce drama of Lundy island in the Regency.

She went on to succeed Kathlyn Hilliar in A. P. Herbert's revue, *Riverside Nights* at the Lyric Hammersmith, and remained for *The Would-be Gentleman*, with Nigel Playfair. She was in *Picnic*, the revue that opened the Arts Theatre (April 1927) and during December (Strand) she played Imogene in Russell Thorndyke's vigorous melodrama *Dr Syn*.

Next October, at the Everyman, she was Hilda in *The Master builder*. There were other parts, – in, for example, *Ther Intimate Revue* (shortlived at the Duchess, 1930) and *The Oxford Blazers* (Little, 1932), and she broadcast frequently.

She was married to a surgeon, J. E. Piercy.

Mrs GERALD CONSTABLE MAXWELL

A friend writes:

Carrie Constable Maxwell, who died on February 10 at the age of 83, was the wife of Wing Commander Gerald Constable Maxwell, MC, DFC, AFC, a fighter ace who served in both World Wars.

An American by birth, she kept to the very last the wit and charm of that country. She actively promoted Anglo-American friendship, especially exchange scholarships for students through the English-speaking Union, the President of which was her brother-in-law William Griffin, Director of Lease-Lend for the British Empire and knighted by King George VI.

She and her husband lived first in London, then from 1938 at Alresford, Hampshire, where her hospitality was unbounded. She kept open house during the war for the RAF pilots on leave from Ford night fighter station in Sussex where her husband was commander; later acting as guardian to the nephews of the then Shah of Persia while they received a Catholic education at Ampleforth College.

A devout Catholic, a convert, she made her house a prominent centre of activity for Catholics from far afield who came to her Retreats, led by such close friends as the philosopher Fr Martin D'Arcy, S.J., the historian Archbishop David Mathew, and the writer Frank Sheed. Her husband (a descendant of Saint Thomas More), was a Papal Champerlain, and contact with Pope Pius XII, led her into friendship with the religious Order of St. Lucy Phillippini. She brought over the order to England and founded the convent at Medstead Manor in Hampshire, given by her family and officially opened by Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, a family friend, in 1955. From it other houses of the Order have been formed for teaching and social work in England and Ireland.

Similarly, her friendship with Ampleforth and with Fr Basil, now Cardinal Hume, led to the Lady Chapel wing of the new Abbey Church being given through her, as a memorial to her eldest son, killed in the RAF in 1950, aged 23.

She is survived by one son and four daughters.

Mr Charles Guy Vaughan-Lee, DSC, who died on February 21 at the age of 70, was chairman of Messrs J. & A. Scrimgeour, the stockbroking firm, from 1975 to 1978, and was also chairman of the Mental After-Care Association and of the board of the Royal Hospital Home for Incurables in Putney, south-west London.

Mr George Platt Brett, president of the Macmillan Publishing Company of New York from 1931 to 1958, died on February 11 in Southport, Connecticut, at the age of 91.

Major Ronald Edmond Combe, OBE, MC, who died on February 10, was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Herefordshire in 1960.

Science report

Charting nuclear waste risks

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A method of assessing the effects of regularly absorbing tiny traces of radioactive elements – whether through the food chain or from pollution of the air, earth or water – has been produced for public use.

The most fiercely contested arguments about the discharge of nuclear waste concern the long-lived group of heavy elements of the actinide series, such as plutonium, americium, curium, and neptunium.

They are created in the nuclear fuel during the fission process in atomic power stations. In principle, because of their biological properties, they are not intended to be discharged in any quantity at all into the environment.

If plutonium was not valuable for defence and nuclear energy purposes, the actinides would remain locked in the fuel rods of spent uranium.

In practice, in the reprocessing of the spent fuel to extract plutonium, the other actinides are also separated ot. They are channelled to special isolated storage tanks.

However, it is not possible to remove every trace of actinides from the large bulk of other radioactive residue. In Britain, some of that residue is discharged as a liquid effluent into the sea.

It is against this background tt a method of assessing the doses of radiation caused by small amounts of the actinides has been produced by the National Radiological Protection Board.

The board says that the method was needed to advise on the way children and adults absorb substances which will irradiate tissues. At present, the only advice on how to calculated safety limits has been produced exclusively for workers at nuclear plants.

The proposed method of evaluating doses of radiation takes account of variations due to age, the organs of the body which absorb particular substances and the chemical forms of the material.

It does not prepose specific safety levels, but represents methods for assessing how radiation can vary.

For example, the calculations show that the dose of radiation from plutonium in foodstuffs can be five times higher if it is in one particular form, as opposed to another.

Sale room

Gem prices strengthen

By Huon Mallalieu

Sotheby's held a sale of jewels in St Moritz between Thursday and Saturday last week and the total of 10,769,834 Swiss francs (£3,313,795), with 25 per cent bought in, shows that the market is stronger than for some time, although still little uncertain.

There was considerable private bidding and a European buyer paid 990,000 francs (£304,615) for a heart shaped diamond ring with a stone of 18.22 carats (estimate 650,000 to 800,000 francs). A diamond necklace by Cartier went to an American private bidder for 572,000 francs (£176,000) against an estimate of 350,000 to 450,000 francs.

There was a strong demand for rubies and for eccentric pieces such as a blackamore clip made up from dyed horn, rubies, diamonds, a baroque pearl and gold. That sold, again to a collector, for 104,500 francs (£32,153) against an estimate of 10,000 to 15,000 francs.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Solving the great inflation mystery

Having dropped from 20 per cent to 5 per cent or less in three years, where is Britain's inflation bound? Since 1982, we have been lulled and encouraged by surprisingly good news on prices. Almost all the leading forecasters have had to lower their projections in line with official forecasts originally derided as too optimistic. Even Treasuy optimism has occasionally been surpassed by events. The Treasury is still at the cheerful end of the forecasting range: its latest published forecast puts inflation at 4½ per cent by the end of the year. But its next forecast, to be published with the Budget, must look further ahead.

The two most established independent forecasters have now offered their views of where existing policies are leading. On output, there is a dull consensus that recovery will see us through 1984, although 1985 looks rather weaker. It is on prices that they are interestingly different. The London Business School today forecasts an inflation rate of five-point something per cent for each of the four years 1984-87. The National Institute of Social and Economic Research, however, last Friday suggested inflation would be nearly 7 per cent, and still rising, by the end of this year.

This seemingly modest difference is tremendously important. If the economy were to follow the National Institute's forecast, the Government's scorecard of economic performance would be looking very black by 1985.

Trust in forecasters' view of the future has to be based on their interpretation of the past. Conveniently, the LBS today published an analysis of why inflation has fallen faster than it expected. This is doubly useful, first because the LBS espouses what it calls "eclectic Keynesianism", which could as well be described as "malleable monetarism" and allows almost every conceivable influence on prices to be discussed at some point. Second, because the thinking in the LBS is, once again, a helpful first approximation to the discussion in the Treasury.

The LBS's view is that in the long run it is the rate of monetary growth that determines inflation, working mainly through the exchange rate. A strong exchange rate lowers industry's input prices, but also, more importantly, sets a limit to the rate at which industry may raise output prices in an internationally-competitive world. But this "transmission" takes time, and meanwhile all kinds of other influences matter: the pressure of real domestic demand on prices, or of unemployment on wages, for example.

What went wrong since 1981 argues the LBS, is that it misinterpreted the money numbers. Because they were rising faster than forecast, the LBS assumed the exchange rate would fall and inflation stay high. In fact, it says, the demand for money was shifting, making policy tighter than the money supply figures suggested. Going back to 1979, it finds its forecast remarkably accurate: prices rose 47.7 per cent in four years compared with a forecast of 46.9 per cent. Monetary growth was 20 per cent higher than forecast, but this excess was largely absorbed by that structural shift in money demand.

As the LBS frankly admits, this explanation-from-hindsight begs a huge question about the correct interpretation of present and future money numbers. A mistake here, and the Government will either strangle the economy or unwittingly provide scope for an inflationary surge. Suppose, however, that the Treasury is reasonably successful in reading the numbers – that its new multi-target monetary policy, to be unveiled in the Budget, gives it the flexibility to achieve what Sir Geoffrey Howe used typically to describe as "steady but not excessive downward pressure on the monetary aggregates". Then how should Sir Geoffrey's successor now interpret that aim?

There is a clear warning in the LBS's second miscalculation over the past four years, which it shared with the Treasury. Both were too optimistic about the economy's speed of adjustment to disinflationary pressure. When Britain's rising exchange rate put pressure on prices, this did not feed quickly through to costs. Many companies, in consequence, went out of business. Then, in the second phase, price pressures did force down the rise in labour costs, but were not nearly so effective in restraining wages.

Domestic pressures had much the same effect. When the exchange rate softened, the recessionary squeeze caused by tight government policies prevented manufacturers from pushing up prices again. But on the LBS's calculations, even the huge rise in unemployment over the past four years did not reduce the cumulative rise in earnings by more than 2 per cent.

Stood on its head, this finding could be thought rather cheering – suggesting that a modest fall in unemployment now will not lead to the significant rise in wage pressure forecast by the National Institute. But its main message is that even the drastic squeeze of the past four years has still not completely adjusted the economy to an inflation rate of 5 per cent or less.

It is for this reason that the LBS forecast shows no further fall in inflation, even if present policies are continued. It is much more significant for the Chancellor than the straightforward short-term inflation pessimism of the National Institute. The LBS offers, at first sight, a tempting vision: falling umemployment and stable single-figure inflation. But by its own reckoning, the stability is fragile – and, in any case, it is not good enough for Mr Lawson, whose declared aim is price stability.

It may be that the LBS is still too pessimistic. Even if it is not, the lesson of the past four years is that the Chancellor must try disinflate in a slower and steadier fashion. Starting from 5 per cent he can afford to go more soberly. He has to give industry no room to accmmodate wage pressures that are still strong; but if he goes faster than industry can follow, unemployment will jump again. This suggests a short-term Budget which encourages industrial expansion and investment without giving industry easy cash to waste on wage negotiations; and a medium-term strategy that tightens the monetary guidlines without any sudden jerk.

That is not an easy mixture, but then it has become increasingly clear that 1983-84 was a kind of mid-Lent Sunday in the long penitential haul towards price stability. The second stretch should be better anticipated, and so less painful. But Easter is not yet come.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

'Reckless' directors to face liability for company debts

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Fly-by-night company directors who leave a trail of debts and unhappy creditors, yet continue their businesses under new corporate names, are likely to find themselves personally responsible for their company's debts as a result of government plans to reform insolvency laws. These will be outlined in a White Paper tomorrow.

Those deemed to have acted so recklessly that they are guilty of "wrongful trading" would be stripped of the privilege of limited liability, making it difficult for them to buy their old business from a liquidator and start again straight away.

The White Paper, which has emerged from the Cork report on insolvency, published in June 1982, is also expected to tackle the problem of "cowboy" liquidators. These cooperate in selling assets cheaply to failed directors, or associates, at the expense of small creditors.

The Government is likely to recommend that liquidators will in future have to belong to a professional, self-regulating body or be licensed. At present, a liquidator requires few qualifications.

In another innovation, the trade department seems to have finally accepted the need for a new figure, called an administrator in the Cork report, who would be similar to a receiver and could carry on an ailing business in cases where the present law does not allow for a receiver and manager. He might also be appointed at an earlier stage than present receivers, so that there could be more of a business left to save.

Sir Kenneth Cork, the leading liquidator and prime mover behind the 1982 report, said at the weekend that he would be "broadly satisfied" if these reforms became law.

However, as some observers have feared, government action is understood to fall far short of the hundreds of wide-ranging technical reforms suggested in the 448-page Cork report. The report had said that insolvency law would "fall into even greater decay and be regarded with contempt by society" without urgent legislation.

The Cork report had three main aims: to keep more failing businesses as going concerns; to gain a better deal for small creditors – both consumers and small suppliers – who are sometimes the worst victims of liquidations, and to make the personal bankruptcy laws simpler and more efficient.

It had long been expected that the law of personal bankruptcy might require separate legislation from that on company insolvency. However, the Government appears likely to choose a more modest measure, partly to save legislative time – when the Gower proposals on investor protection are also vying for attention – and partly because important aspects of the Cork reforms would challenge powerful vested interests in Whitehall and the City.

The most important likely casualty is the proposal that at least 10 per cent of a failed company's assets should be reserved for the liquidator to protect and make payments to small unsecured creditors, who are currently at the end of the queue.

The report recommended that public agencies should no longer have prior rights to collect tax, VAT or rates and that, in return, banks should give up some of the rights attached to floating charges.

Sir Kenneth says he is particularly hoping that the "blackmailing priority will be taken away" from utilities that jump the queue of creditors by threatening to cut off telephones or electricity.

Sealink bid worth £70m

Sealink ferries could be valued at between £70m and £100m in a bid by a consortium led by National Freight, Sir Peter Thompson, chairman of National Freight, said over the weekend. National Freight's intention would be to merge with Sealink within five years and seek a stock market quotation.

Mr Richard Hannah, of the stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, estimates that Sealink's £6.5m 1982 losses turned into a £4.5m pretax profit last year and could rise to £9m this year.

● **Cluff Oil** has sent shareholders in Oil & Associate Investment Trust a pamphlet designed with Saatchi & Saatchi, in an attempt to persuade them to accept Cluff's takeover bid by Thursday, the first acceptance date.

ECONOMIC DIARY

TODAY – Report on public sector balance sheet from Institute for Fiscal Studies.

WEDNESDAY – Overseas trade for January; Treasury Select Committee report om the head of the Government Accounting Service.

Thursday – Overseas travel and tourism for December; provisional unemployment and vacancies for February; December energy trends.

FRIDAY – UK official reserves for February, fourth quarter company liquidity.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – **Interims:** Apex Properties, Continental Microwave, Fll Group, Intereurope Technology Services, Jos Holdings (results expected tomorrow), Kenyon Securities and Michael Peters Group. **Finals:** Wilh Sonesson AB and Vickers.

TOMORROW – **Interims:** Amstrad Consumer Electronics, Blagden Industries, Industrial Finance and Investment Corp and Raine Industries. **Finals:** First Scottish American Trust, Grindlays Bank, Donald Macpherson, Miss World and TSL Thermal Syndicate.

WEDNESDAY – **Interims:** Arbuthnot Govt. Securities Trust, Berisfords Group (second interim), Cope Allman, Wm Jackson & Sons, Johnson Matthey (quarterly), Unigroup and VW Thermax. **Finals:** Edmond Holdings, General Accident, Marley, Olives Paper Mill and SKF.

THURSDAY – **Interims:** Consolidated Plantations and Mitchell Cotts. **Finals:** Bracken Mines, Consultants (Computer & Financial), DJ Security Alarms, GRA Group, Kennedy Brookes, Kinross Mines, Law Debenture Corp., Leslie Gold Mines, Royal Insurance, Tavener Rutledge, Unisel Gold Mines and Winkelhaak Mines.

FRIDAY – **Interims:** Burndene Investments and Telefusion. **Finals:** Algemene Bank Nederland, BSR Int., Derek Crouch and New Darien Oil Trust.

Furniture group plans placing

By Jonathan Clare

Brown Bear, the furniture company started by Mr Richard Northcott who sold his Dodge do-it-yourself City chain to FW Woolworth for £20m, is expected to complete arrangements for a private share placing to raise £3 m in the next 10 days.

The furniture company expects to place about one-third of its shares, probably with Scottish institutions because of its Scottish base, which would give it a nominal value of £9m.

The possibility of using the Business Expansion Scheme to encourage investors, which was considered initially, has been dropped because it would preclude a public flotation for several years.

No firm plans for a public quote have been drawn up, but the directors are considering it. The £3m will be used to refurbish existing stores and open 15 new ones. Two of the existing eight stores will be closed.

Brown Bear will aim to site its stores next to Harris Queensway and MFI shops, but it says it will be complementary rather than competitive with them.

Projected sales for the year to September are running at a rate of £12m per annum. This figure is expected to increase to more than £50m by 1987.

The shops range from 20,000 sq ft to 40,000 sq ft and sell both furniture and furnishings. Unlike Queensway and MFI the emphasis is on colour, design and presentation.

Meanwhile, Aston Villa Football Club has become involved in a company which is also seeking outside investors this week, but which unlike Brown Bear is planning to take advantage of the Business Expansion Scheme.

Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank, is offering 1.3 million shares for subscription at £1.80 each in Little Aston Hospital, a £6.24m company which is to build a 50-bed private hospital.

Support for common policy on energy

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce is to throw the support of its 50,000 member companies behind a European Parliament resolution calling for a common energy policy, funded by a levy on imported energy in the EEC.

The European Parliament resolution calls for a harmonization of energy pricing within the EEC, joint funding for research into new energy sources and conservation and standardization of relevant plant and equipment.

The resolution also suggests that the EEC should use its economic muscle by negotiations jointly with energy producers such as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The energy policy would be financed from a levy of about 1 per cent imported energy, which is among the few EEC imports not covered by a levy or duty.

The association's main reason for supporting the resolution is its call for common energy pricing. It argues that British industry pays about 40% more for electricity than its continental competitors, particularly the French.

Sir David Nicholson, chairman of the association, and a member of the European Parliament, says: "In the longer term it is crucial that if the EEC is to work for all its members we should have a common energy policy which in turn could lead to a common industrial policy."

'Privatize pensions' call

State pensions should be privatized, according to the Bow Group, the Conservative Party's pressure group.

High unemployment and growing numbers of elderly people means that the present system can only be maintained if contributions increase to 22 per cent of earnings in the next 40 years, it says.

In a written submission today to the Government's inquiry into the future of state pensions, it says people should pay directly into private pension or insurance funds.

Under the group's proposals, the unemployed would be "credited in" to a private scheme by the state.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fleet board prepares for showdown

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian financier and owner of Associated Communications Corporation, flies into London today for a routine mid-week board meeting of Lord Grade's former television and films empire.

Mr Holmes à Court owns just over 9 per cent of Fleet Holdings, the newspaper group, and is reported to be contemplating some pressure on the board now headed by Lord Matthews.

Lord Matthews has said little about the arrival of his former ACC adversary. But Mr Ian Irvine, chief executive at Fleet, has said the directors would resist any attempt by Mr Holmes à Court to obtain a boardroom place.

● **Fifty office jobs** disappear for every one created by new technology, according to a survey carried out in the Midlands by officials of the white collar union Apex. Union members in more than 90 per cent of the companies surveyed said they already had some form of office automation.

THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

At last, the outlook is promising

Geoffrey Finn

When Mr Nigel Lawson presents his first full Budget on March 13 he will enjoy the rare advantage of doing so against the most favourable economic background which any Chancellor has faced for many years.

A timely improvement in inflation, public borrowing and money supply has strengthened the hope that an increase in the real burden of taxation, mooted in the Autumn Economic Statement, can now be avoided.

This is very good news for a gilt-edged market which continues to be inhibited by daily reminders of the jaundiced state of American financial confidence and has also had one or two domestic worries: the possibility of excessive monetary growth resulting from buoyant personal sector bank borrowing, and fears, now averted, of a further overshoot in the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement.

At the end of December, after nine months of the 1983/84 fiscal year, the cumulative PSBR had reached £10.1 billion. At that stage there was, quite understandably, a widespread expectation that the official £10 billion full-year target would be subject to a further overshoot.

However, the higher than expected Exchequer surplus of £2.6 billion in January, by reducing the cumulative total after ten months to £7.5 billion, has altered the thinking and raised hopes that the 1983/84 full-year out-turn may now be less than the target and could even emerge as low as £9 billion.

These helpful prognostications, reinforced by the tight government spending targets for the next three years revealed in last week's Public Expenditure White Paper, should improve Mr Lawson's chances of gaining a greater degree of credibility for his prospective £8 billion PSBR projection for 1984/85 that seemed possible a month or so ago.

BUILDING SOCIETIES' GILT-EDGED HOLDINGS
(£ million market value)

End Year	Under 5 Years	5-15 Years	Over 15 Years	Total
1978	2,867	167	3	3,037
1979	3,413	376	2	3,791
1980	4,065	902	2	4,969
1981	4,708	1,459	2	6,169
1982	6,655	2,244	22	8,921
1983*	6,994	2,528	22	9,544

* At end of third quarter. Source: CSO Financial Statistics

However, despite this distinct improvement in the fiscal outlook it seems unlikely that the Budget will have much scope for a reduction in taxes. Indeed, the enonomy now appears to be growing under its own momentum without the need for additional fiscal stimulus.

As far as the gilt market is concerned, the most welcome framework would be one in which the Chancellor errs on the side of caution and takes no risks with his Budget arithmetic.

Barring accidents, a "neutral" safety-first Budget could pave the way for an early cut in the clearing banks' base lending rates. As far as mortgage rates are concerned, there had been a real hope that the Building Societies Association would feel able to recommend a reduction at its next council meeting after the Budget, on March 16.

However, this may well need to be deferred for further consideration in the light of the new proposals, announced on Thursday, to tax all future gains made by building societies on their gilt-edged holdings at a "corporation tax" rate of 40 per cent, regardless of how low they have been held and irrespective of whether the gain consists of capital appreciation or of income.

This shock move by the Inland Revenue places the building societies on a similar footing to the banks, who pay 52 per cent, on all gains, however derived. Thus, although the Societies will enjoy a so-called "concessionary" tax rate of 40 per cent, they will henceforth lose the extremely valuable advantage which they have hitherto enjoyed, in common with most other non-bank investors, of treating capital gains on gilt holdings held for more than 12 months as exempt from capital gains tax.

Societies, which in aggregate are substantial holders of gilts estimated at up to 25 per cent change their investment philosophy and to adjust to a new status of being treated as traders in gilts rather than as longer-term investors.

Bearing in mind that extremely substantial gilt purchases by building societies have materially assisted the authorities to fulfil their funding requirements in recent years, it remains to be seen how this latest change in the basis of taxation will affect the pattern and structure of the funding programme.

Some significant price and yield adjustments in various maturity sectors and coupon categories occurred last Friday to reflect the new tax regime for these important market participants. However, once the building societies have become accustomed to this fundamental change, the market should settle down and, if anything, experience an even greater degree of daily turnover.

Those prepared to subscribe to the view that interest rates will fall later in the year should find no shortage of high yielding opportunities in the various maturity sectors of the market.

High tax payers will naturally favour low coupon shorts such as Exchequer 2½ 1987 which was marked down sharply last Friday from 86⅛ to 85, where it gives a grossed-up net return to a 75 per cent taxpayer of 24.8 per cent

Lower taxpayers and tax-exempt investors such as pension funds should seek the relatively attractive gross redemption yields available on high coupon mediums and longs.

There is thus a wide variety of choice to suit most investors' needs. The domestic background, as I have pointed out, is promising enough but those massive US deficits, which have contributed to futher recent weakness in American Treasury bonds, may well continue to act as a nagging impediment to the market's progress.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Today. Dealings End, March 9. § Contango Day, March 12. Settlement Day, March 19.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

MEDIUMS

LONGS

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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C – E

F – H

I – N

O – S

T – Z

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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● USM REVIEW

Tentative step as Denmans plugs in

Denmans Electrical, the Bristol electical distributor, is the latest long-established family business to announce its intention of joining the Unlisted Securities Market.

Stock Beech, the stockbrokers, are placing 10.5 per cent of the issued share capital amounting to 433,503 shares at 162p each. This values the entire company at £6.66m. No new money is being raised by the placing and all the shares being placed come from existing shareholders.

Denmans was founded by the present chairman's father in 1947 supplying electrical products to the trade. Over the past five years pretax profits have grown from £578,000 to £910,000 on turnover up from £8.1m to £15.6m, but profit margins have slipped from 7.1 per cent in 1979 to 5.8 per cent last year.

The group says this is due to at least three acquisitions it has made in the Midlands in the past two years. Although the company is already five months into the current year the board has declined to make a profits forecast, except to say it anticipates its record of consistent long-term growth can be maintained.

However, a total gross dividen of 5p, yielding 3.08 per cent. will be paid and this will be covered 4.4 times. Mr Arnold Denman, chairman, admits to running a conservative dividend policy and despite debts of over £1m does not intend to raise money by way of a rights issue for the time being.

Asked why only just over 10 per cent of the shares were coming to the market Mr Denman replied: "We've got faith in the company. I intend retaining control of the company. You need firm control if further acquisitions are to be made."

Dealings in Denmans are due to start on March 1, and with so few shares on offer should open at a small premium.

Last Monday Micro Focus duly confirmed reports in *The Times* last summer that it would be coming to the market for more cash at around the time of the full-year figures. Mr Brian Reynolds and his colleagues have now asked shareholders for an extra £9m and, what is more, look like getting it.

Last year's offer by way of tender raised more than £3m for the group and most of this is still sitting on deposit. It now means that Micro Focus will soon be holding cash balances of around £12m (more than some companies are capitalized at on the USM) and a full listing cannot be far off.

Dealers greeted Micro Focus's news by pushing up the share price to a peak of 7650p helped by a bumper set of full-year figures showing pretax profits up from £850,000 to £2.35m. Order books are bulging after the distribution deal struck with the US computer giant IBM and now the group is turning its attention to countries like Japan where the potential is enormous.

But Mr Reynolds and his colleagues still have not made it clear what they intend to do with this large pile of cash. The official line is that the money will be used to finance the group's flexible business approach, which will include acquisitions.

Certainly those investors who bought the shares when they came to market at a minimum tender price of 147p less than a year ago will be pleased with the return on their initial investment, and what better time than when the company is hitting new heights every week to ask shareholders for more money. Word in the market now suggests the shares could hit £13 a share before the end of the year.

Mr Kenneth Horne, chairman of Britain's largest paper merchant **Robert Horne**, is a man who knows his own mind. Last week he expressed his desire to seek a public quote for Robert Horne on the USM, but is adamant he and his family must retain control. To achieve this he is issuing 1.8 million shares in units of one voting and one non-voting share at 156p a unit amounting to 12.5 per cent of the equity.

Mr Horne would have preferred a full listing, but with existing holders so unwilling to part with the shares there was no alternative but to go for a USM quote.

USM price tables are on page 17

The policy of issuing non-voting shares is unlikely to attract investors and has already met annoyance from the jobbers, who say it makes dealing in the shares complicated. County Bank is looking for around 10p to 11p premium when dealings start next week, but a question mark still hangs over the opening level of the non-voting shares.

Mr Horne has now achieved his goal of a public flotation, but having prospered all these years without one, his reasons for doing so still seem a little unclear.

Derek Bryant Group, the first Lloyd's insurance broker to join the unlisted securities market with a placing last April, is set to expand by taking over a United States insurance company and moving into new growth areas including satellite, oil and gas insurance.

This morning Mr Bryant announces the first of a series of moves to expand his Lloyd's insurance broking activities by establishing a new oil and gas insurance business. He said that the potential returns from an initial investment of about £100,000 are "enormous."

At the same time Mr Bryant says that he will be expanding into the satellite insurance business to add to the group's specialization in other growth areas like fine arts insurance in the United States.

In the year to December 1983 the group made pretax profits of £1.08m against £172,000 the previous year, on turnover of £2.2m (£1.5m). The results benefitted from £68,000 currency gain and a further £294,000 in interest on the £1.2m deposit the group holds following the USM placing.

Michael Clark

ORDINARY SHARES

Brewing cheer without froth

Colin Mitchell

Those who (ab)use puns may encounter a veritable plethora of opportunities in discussing the appalling investment performance of the brewers in the past 12 months.

An average fall of 2.0 per cent is hardly sparkling but especially traumatic when measured against the All Share Index, up by about 20.8 per cent. The causes are many but the justification seems small. Consumption of most forms of alchhol, not least beer, have clearly improved one adage during the recession i.e. the "fact" that demand could e unaffected by a recession of the magnitude of that experienced.

Neither could another former sacred cow that demand is virtually price inelastic withstand the ravages of a rate of inflation for drink prices 50 per cent above the rise in the retail price index during the last four years.

With the inclusion of a few more ingredients such as the seemingly annual Budget duty increases, the general tone of doom and gloom emanating during much of 1983 from the brewers, perhaps an element of excess capacity, margin pressures, certain unsound pricing policies, and the ever present EEC aspiration of harmonization potentially harming rather than harmonizing, and the scene as been well set for the brewers to have been (politicly) a dull sector in the market.

Prophets of doom have chosen to ignore the fact that industry profits have risen steadily throughout the recession – perhaps not a unique feature in Britain but clearly rare. Dividends have grown and well above average yields are offered, quite strong balance sheets four years ago among brewery companies have emerged even stronger, asset values have risen and almost every brewery share is selling at a reasonable discount to the net asset value.

In price relative terms, the sector is close to its 10-year low and 20 per cent below its record high. The sector's yield is 27 per cent above average with a 10-year range of being 35 per cent above average. But the worst may not be over for those concerned solely with the short term.

There seems a good likelihood of some disappointing production figures being announced shortly, fuelling the uncertainty created by the Budget. The Chancellor had to contend with the usual conflicts: revenue aspirations, lower inflation hopes, as well as the need to pay some regard to the ruling of the European court which (at the two extremes) would wish to see either wine duty falling of beer duty rising or (given the British obsession with compromise) a combination of the two.

Optimism is clearly a scarce commodity, but do not forget that there is now much justified iptimism in the industry. The signs appear good. Not only is the sector "bombed out" but confidence is returning and the wise investor should appreciate the value of anticipating a trend rather than waiting for it to materialize.

Volume is recovering in general terms and, more importantly, new signs of realism are manifesting themselves in the industry in terms of altered attitudes in some companies to the free trade and a better appreciation of the need – if not the absolute necessity – to raise the existing very modest and totally inadequate retailing profits.

'New signs of realism are manifesting themselves in the industry'

Even an industry leader like Bass, not normally noted for pronounced optimism, has, clearly and repeatedly stated that trading has been good and that the company is in a strong position. This type of comment was first made last December and seemingly has been disregarded by the investor with the shares down since then by 5.5 per cent against a rise of 5.9 per cent for the market. The shares now yeild 5.3 per cent and the PE is 10.20. The contribution from acquisitions, further cost savings, generally satisfactory trading and the prospect of contained interest payments add ample support to the company's rating.

At the other end, Higsons, the Merseyside brewer, deserves a mention. The shares, priced at 98p, are valued on an actual PE of 6.5 with profits very conservatively struck and a yeild of 5.2 per cent. However, the net asset value is 295p about 3.2 times greater than the share price. For a company which has invested an amount equal to its capitalization in the current valuation does not appear wrong.

In the depressed beer market of the last year, the regional companies have borne the brunt of the weakness with concern focusing on their premium ratings, less satisfactory volume prospects and in some instances the narrower spread of interests when compared with the majors. These forces are not irrelevant but ignore some important advantages such as lower distribution costs and often lower price levels when compared with some majors.

Wolverhampton & Dudley with its base in the West Midlands has not only withstood the pressures of the economic despoliation of its trading area and the resultant sharp rise in unemployment from below 5 per cent a few years ago to 14.5 per cent with much lower real incomes per head among those remaining in work, but has still achieved good growth with a 23 per cent rise in profits in the past two years. The shares are down by 22 per cent in the last six months but the company seems capable of further steady growth and the valuation accorded to the shares seems undemanding on longer term considerations.

Among the larger companies, there are two which are attracting more interest and the share price performance has been better than that of the sector. They are Guinness and Scottish & Newcastle. Both, to use present day jargon, are "management situations". At Guinness, two years of restructuring have seen 150 subsidiaries sold, an increase in profits of 40 per cent, a transformed and very healthy balance sheet and an improvement in British volume (in a market too frequently and wrongly viewed as almost the only market in which Guinness operates).

There is now a good base for satisfactory growth. However, the potential present in the company's existing markets and more especially in developing new worldwide markets could be sizable and this does not seem to be reflected in the p.e. multiple of seven times earning and the yield of 5.6 per cent.

Scottish, a former fallen idol, is now showing itself well capable of catching up it not bettering the performance of its competitors. Hotel profits are going through a very buoyant phase (and arguably need to justify the financing of the notional capital employed in hotels). Beer profits are also moving ahead without, as yet, reflecting the benefits of capacity cuts in Edinburgh due to be completed by April, 1986.

The fact of being all too frequently described as a "takeover candidate" with a whole host of large and small companies reported to be poised to bid for Scottish, serves to gloss over the reality of a lowly rated share and a company getting its business in good shape and attaining rising profits. A takeover is neither necessary nor justified given the potential which the company is now capable of unlocking.

The case for some outperformance among the brewers is strong built on a firm base of undeniable optimism. Brewery shares should not be viewed as ex-growth as there is no evidence to prove this. The sector might remain quiet until the Budget is out of the way.

But on a more realistic and longer term appraisal, the merits of the brewers deserve to be better recognized.

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Unlisted Securities

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
9,008,000	A & M Hire	20½		0.3	1.4	28.6
6,982,000	Aaronite	133	-8	3.6	2.7	24.2
161.7m	Acorn Comp	144	-1	..	..	34.3
1,296,000	Acsis Jewel	24	-2			
8,250,000	Adam Leisure	33	-7	1.4	4.3	4.2
11.3m	Aidcom Int	90	+1	1.1	1.3	49.7
22.8m	Air Call	427	+10	8.0	1.9	21.1
6,170,000	Airship Ind	65	..	..	..	..
7,961,000	Applied Botanics	19		..	..	..
74.3m	Aspinall Hldgs	143	-10			
43.5m	Asprey & Co	674	..	22.9	3.2	12.0
5,054,000	Ass Energy Serv	73		1.4	2.0	24.8
34.2m	Baltic Leasing	298	-13	4.0n	1.3	13.7
6,240,000	Bensons Crisps	130		2.7	2.1	32.5
13.0m	Berkley Exp	128	-18	..e	..	..
9,232,000	Bio-Isolates	130	+22	..	..	..
5,260,000	Biomechanics	63	-5			
2,485,000	Black M.	60	h -5	4.3	7.2	8.7
3,833,000	Breville Europe	23	..	7.0b	30.4	5.3
5,280,000	Brewmaker	30				
4,180,000	Bryant D.	190	+12	7.5b	3.9	48.7
25.0m	Bula Resources	30	-2			
4,108,000	Business Comp	78	..	1.4	2.0	11.5
18.3m	CML Micro	213	+23	2.0	0.9	45.3
24.2m	CPU Computer	150	+5	2.0	1.3	34.2
4,384,000	Calvermoor	111	+8	5.2b	4.7	
10.5m	Cass Grp	180		3.6	2.0	22.3
10.4m	Castle GB	87	-3	3.6b	4.1	14.7
51.1m	Cent Ind TV NV	213	+2			
3,808,000	Chem Methods	30		6.3	20.9	..
17.3m	Cifer	111	-5	..	..	17.6
4,747,000	Circaprint	90				12.3
1,896,000	City Site Est	52	+6	0.8	1.6	..
10.0m	Cluff Oil	88	..	..	..	..
10.3m	Do B	86	-2	..	..	..
9,200,000	Cobra Emerald	92	-3	..	..	..
7,280,000	Coleman Milne	63	..	2.1b	3.4	12.6
5,841,000	Consults (C&F)	590		4.3	0.7	70.9
9,504,000	C'nll Microwave	400	+40	5.0	1.3	22.3
16.4m	Cornell Hldgs	285	-15	..e		
2,049,000	Cramphorn	£11	+½	35.7	3.2	9.4
14.0m	DBE Tech	115				
1,116,000	DJ Sec Alarms	93	+3	3.0	3.2	16.3
2,640,000	De Brett A	33	..	3.6	10.8	8.0
1,240,000	Delmar Grp	25	.	3.8b	15.2	6.1
10.5m	Dencora	83	+1	b		25.9
12.9m	Druck Hldgs	258	-6	3.7	1.4	24.2
1,430,000	Dunton Grp	12½	+½	..	..	44.6
731,000	Ecobric Hldgs	63	+3			
9,063,000	Edinburgh Sec	85		0.2b	0.2	..
13.4m	Eldridge Pope	629	-5	18.2	2.9	13.3
3,939,000	Energy Finance	40	+7	1.9	4.7	6.1
5,095,000	Equipu	115	..	4.9	4.2	10.8
3,762,000	Exeter Building	124	..	10.0	8.1	4.4
15.0m	FII Ltd	91		4.0	4.4	12.4
4,230,000	Fed Housing	47	-2	3.5	7.4	7.8
19.4m	Feedback	231	+3	3.6	1.5	23.6
14.0m	Fitch & Co.	275	+15	6.2	2.3	30.9
18.0m	Flextech	100				16.7
9,730,000	Flogas	60	-1	2.5	4.1	
15.5m	Floyd Oil	90	-5			
14.0m	Framlington Grp	700	+10	9.3b	1.3	18.9
36.2m	French Conn	213	+5	3.7	1.7	24.1
17.7m	Freshbake Foods	82		1.2b	1.5	13.4
19.7m	Fuller Smith	330	-10	6.7	2.0	16.8
29.1m	Gable Hse Prop	70	-1	3.3	4.7	3.6
8,319,000	Garfunkels	178	+5	2.7b	1.5	16.4
14.2m	Gee (Cecil)	131	-2	3.0	2.3	26.0
10.4m	Gibbs Mew	190	-10	6.6	3.5	
6,145,000	Gilbert Hse Inv	23	+1			
3,117,000	Godwin Warren	87	+1	2.0b	2.3	12.6
2,130,000	Gould Laurence	105	+2	4.3b	4.0	..
11.7m	Grainger Tst	270	+10	6.0	2.2	18.2

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2,883,000	Greenwich Cable	56	r +2	..		
5,095,000	Grosvenor Sq P	100	+2	7.1	7.1	7.4
1,048,000	Guernsey At Sec	155	+2	..	..	67.4
4,920,000	HB Electronics	123	-2	1.6	1.3	23.3
2,803,000	Hadland Hldgs	88	-2	3.6	4.1	14.7
43.4m	Hadson Pet	70	..	b		..
3,340,000	Hardanger Prop	167	-1	14.0n	8.4	4.0
8,914,000	Hartons Grp	37	+½	0.8b	2.2	54.4
3,834,000	Harvey & Thomp	122	+6	2.1	1.8	27.5
3,750,000	Hayters	160	+10	15.0	9.4	7.7
2,294,000	Heelamat Hldgs	74	-1	8.0	10.8	8.3
3,344,000	High-Point Serv	138	-2	2.1	1.6	16.8
2,239,000	Humberside Elec	13	-1	n		56.5
14.9m	Hunterprint	180	+1	5.0	2.8	9.5
10.5m	ICC Oil	24½	-1	0.0	0.1	31.4
3,815,000	Im Bus Systems	58	..			
8,100,000	Imtec Grp	81	..	3.0	3.7	17.8
3,262,000	Ind Fin & Inv	103	..	3.2	3.1	9.7
11.3m	Inn Leisure	43	..	0.6b	1.4	20.2
12.4m	Int'europe Tech	249	+2	6.0	2.4	54.7
6,968,000	Intervision Vid	34	-2	1.4	4.2	18.0
55.7m	Invent Energy	338	-15	b		
1,659,000	JSD Comp Grp	31	+4	3.0	9.7	17.5
957,000	Jaspiant	27	..	..	.	21.6
20.0m	Jebsens Drill	125	-35			2.0
5,126,000	Johnsen & Jorg	78	..	4.5	5.8	10.8
11.5m	Johnstone Paints	110	-2	5.4	4.9	6.3
8,519,000	KLP Group	175	+5	..		36.0
50.6m	Kean & Scott	58		1.4b	2.5	0.1
3,830,000	Kent J.	38½	-3½	1.8	4.5	14.1
3,072,000	Kenyon Secs	208	+8	13.4	6.4	14.1
6,749,000	LPA Ind	93	-2	3.5	3.8	9.3
3,670,000	Laidlaw Grp	43	..	2.7b	6.2	5.5
655,000	Ldn & Man Secs	16	+1½	20.4	.	10.3
3,585,000	Do 10p Ord	16	+1½			10.3
5,182,000	Ldn Cont Adv	33	-1	0.3	0.9	28.2
1,260,000	Ldn Priv Health	32	-½			
7,769,000	Lorlin Elec	150	-3	1.4b	1.0	39.2
5,060,000	MME Facilities	55	-5	2.0b	3.8	18.8
2,360,000	MMT Computing	118	+10	2.4b	2.0	22.6
1,361,000	Malamet	55	-1			
5,870,000	McLaughlin & H	145	.	9.4	6.5	7.4
5,676,000	Mebon	105	..	4.9	4.6	14.6
6,600,000	Mellerware	120	+5	3.6b	3.0	
25.5m	Memory Comp	257	+2	2.3	0.9	43.9
10.4m	Merrydown Wine	405	-5	7.1	1.8	20.1
6,044,000	Metal Bulletin	138	+20	9.4	6.8	11.9
4,968,000	Metal Sciences	23	-1			
45.5m	Micro Business	335	+25	1.4	0.4	50.0
2,690,000	Microfilm Reprg	85	..	2.1	2.5	..
80.0m	Micro Focus	775	+145	b	..	
14.6m	Microgen Hldgs	453	..	8.6	1.9	30.4
7,310,000	Microlease	215	+2	2.9b	1.3	
4,202,000	Midland Marts	113	..	5.7	5.1	13.5
841,000	Midsummer Inns	145	..	3.6	2.5	16.4
4,410,000	Miles 33	210	..	2.9	1.4	22.4
2,789,000	Miss World	143	..	4.3b	3.0	17.9
20.9m	Mnemos	47	..			
13.7m	Moray Firth M	224	..	10.0	4.5	17.0
1,554,000	Morland Sec	120	..	2.9	2.4	..
1,075,000	Morley (RH)	43	..	e		
4,611,000	Munford & White	143	.	3.6b	2.5	16.0
9,585,000	NMW Computers	223	+2	5.7	2.6	24.8
6,057,000	Nationwide Lris	23	..			
13.9m	New Ct Nat Res	42	..	1.7	4.1	16.5
4,812,000	New England Prp	21	..	..	..	.
29.5m	Nimslo Int	26	+4	e		
12.7m	Oilfield Inspec	180	-5	3.4	1.9	17.0
15.2m	Owners Abroad	29	.	0.7	2.4	13.0
7,765,000	PCT Group	175		6.9	3.9	16.5
10.0m	Page M.	138	+10	2.0	1.4	29.8
2,282,000	Parkfield Fndry	43	..	e		
14.6m	Pericom	195	+7	2.4	1.2	31.0

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8,063,000	Peters M	143	+10	2.6b	1.8	40.7
8,400,000	Pict Petrol	140	-15			
4,219,000	Pineapple Dance	115	-5	1.1b	1.0	16.3
20.8m	Pulsetech Marine	222	..	2.0n	1.2	62.7
6,109,000	Promotions Hse	27	+2	1.0	3.7	.
2,493,000	Protimeter	33	-1	1.0	3.0	17.4
3,081,000	Radio City	140	+7	8.0b	5.7	18.5
3,936,000	Radio Clyde	70	..	4.3	6.1	6.8
15.6m	Rayford Sup	223	.	7.0	3.1	11.3
3,764,000	Ramus Hldgs	85	-5	7.1	8.4	9.0
17.3m	Real Time Cont	248	+18	2.8b	1.2	42.9
2,048,000	Reliant Motor	37	-6	.	..	9.4
67.1m	Renishaw	218	-13	1.6b	0.7	67.3
2,965,000	Rivlin (D&S)	73	-2	3.0	4.1	..
4,500,000	Rolfe & Nolan	180	+4	3.9	2.2	18.6
7,470,000	Ruddle (G.)	155	-2	4.9	3.1	16.1
50.0m	Scusa	125	+12	0.7	0.5	25.5
48.2m	Saxon Oil	297	-3	..		
2,328,000	Scan Data	103	h -3	2.9	2.8	8.3
6,770,000	Securiguard	126	-2	2.5b	2.0	23.6
4,664,000	Selec TV	34	+2	..	..	
4,810,000	Sheldon Jones	97	..	6.2	6.7	8.5
9,123,000	Sheraton Sec	14½	+1	.	..	92.2
3,989,000	Sinclair W	55	+2	6.1	7.1	7.3
7,018,000	Slaters Food	121	-6	.	..	10.6
19.9m	S.W.Resources	74	-1	2.6	3.5	
14.7m	Sthn Bus Lease	108	.	2.9b	2.6	8.5
102.2m	Sovereign Oil	264	-3	..	..	..
18.6m	Spring Ram	178	-2	4.3b	2.4	
5,500,000	Stainless Metal	110	+2	3.1	2.9	10.5
445,000	Stanelco	35	.			20.9
4,496,000	Strikes Rests	73	+5	1.9	2.6	
2,981,000	Sunleigh Elect	13	.	..	..	
1,540,000	Swindon Pr Hosp	110	-5	..	..	36.7
20.9m	Synterials	84	-1	..	..	..
4,952,000	Tay Homes	94	..			
2,325,000	Technolar SA	£155		1773	11.4	11.2
3,240,000	Tech For Bus	108	+3	6.0	5.6	15.0
5,289,000	Tel Serv Int	24	-1	..e	..	7.0
23.3m	Television Sth	106	.	.		42.4
4,355,000	Therm Scientific	108	+5	3.3	3.0	24.5
1,547,000	Thorpac	67	..	2.9	4.3	.
3,700,000	Tops Estates	74	..			
995,000	Towngrade Sec	29	..	0.9n	3.0	25.7
1,450,000	Trident Comp	58	.	2.1	3.7	24.6
47.6m	Tunstall T'com	290	+17	1.6b	0.6	42.1
7,678,000	Tyne Tees 'A' NV	160	..			
6,400,000	Unibond Hldgs	109	..	4.0	3.7	13.3
1,090,000	Utd Ceramic	45	..	5.0	11.1	16.9
40.3m	Utd Friendly	265	..	15.4	5.8	
2,860,000	Utd Packaging	90	+2	4.2b	4.7	6.1
20.9m	V.W.Thermax	171		7.5b	4.4	33.5
7,718,000	Valin Pollen Int	183	+25	2.3	1.3	37.3
6,678,000	Webber Electro	290	..	5.0b	1.7	21.5
3,024,000	Welpac	16½	.	0.3	1.8	11.8
10.7m	Wight Collins R S	335	+7	3.9	1.2	25.4
1,111,000	Willaire Syst	7½	-½			
11.4m	Wingate Prop	110	.	0.7	0.6	32.4
10.0m	Woodchester Inv	178	-2	5.6b	3.2	19.2
9,600,000	XYLLYX	49	.	..	..	
2,965,000	Yelverton Inv	50	-1			80.6
5,250,000	Yorkgreen Inv	30	-4	2.0b	6.7	11.5
720,000	York Mount	72	-4	7.1	9.9	7.6
5,032,000	Zygal Dynamics	136	-3	1.1n	0.8	21.3

e Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

American notebook

Storm warning as US runs out of steam

At an early stage in the economic recovery the United States is running into inflationary problems. The rise of 0.6 per cent in the consumer price index in January was bad news.

Thus, in the first month of 1984, consumer prices are up and running at an annual rate more than twice the 3.2 per cent increase of 1983. The consumer price increase for January confirmed the nasty jolt from the earlier report of a rise of 0.6 per cent in producer (wholesale) prices in January.

The financial markets have been apprehensive over this and other threatening problems. Since the beginning of the year the stock market has dropped heavily and bonds have also fallen.

In the cash market the Treasury long bond 2008-2013 was under par all last week and struggling to hold above 98 at the close. This bond had been over 102 a couple of weeks previously. the Treasury March 1984 T-Bond futures contract was down to around 81½ during last week, almost back to the 1983 lowest point.

Foreigners were beginning to show a loss of nerve, dropping the dollar from the recent high of 2.82 Deutchemarks down to 2.63 on Friday

In Washington, the Administration and Congress are struggling to reach some sort of control over government spending. Mr Rudolph Penner, new director of the Congressional Budget Office, has produced a baseline budget deficit forecast that envisages a doubling of the federal debt outstanding over the period 1984 – 1989.

The gross federal debt is currently about $1,400 billion (£1.02 billion) and the CBO baseline forecast envisages this rising by a further $1.500 billion in six years.

The CBO baseline forecast also assumed an average annual growth of real gnp of 3.9 per cent. Penner can hardly be accused of taking a gloomy view of the prospective growth of real GNP.

Between 1978 and 1983 real GNP rose 6.7 per cent – about one per cent a year. Assuming a rise of 1 per cent in real GNP in 1984, the average annual rate of growth of real gnp in the six years since 1978 was still little more than 1½ per cent.

There would be less reason for concern about the resurgence of inflation had the Federal Reserve been as restrictive in its control over money growth as had been earlier believed. In the last two weeks, however, the Federal Reserve has issued new and revised money numbers for 1983.

These new numbers have shown much stronger money growth in the second half of the year and on into January and February this year. Far from being restrictive in teh second half of last year – as the previous money numbers indicated – the fed has provided quite strong money growth.

This means that the Fed has largely shot its bolt as a source or still further stimulus

As a result, forecasts are now emerging that point to a return to "stagflation" in 1985. A slowdown in economic growth in that year to about 2 per cent and a revival of inflation to about 7 or 8 per cent form part of the scenarios now being developed

The US is already operating very close to 80 per cent of capacity in the nation's factories – a point at which, in the past, price pressures have started to intensify.

Maxwell Newton

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	†10¼%
Consolidated Crds	9%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¼%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%; £50,000 and over 7¼%

FOOTBALL: BLOW FOR ENGLAND AS INJURED WRIGHT IS RULED OUT OF MATCH AGAINST FRANCE

A familiar note is struck by Robson quartet's final audition

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Southampton 2
Luton Town 1

Four days before England's match in Paris, Bobby Robson was allowed to hold a final audition for his new quartet. As though the League programme was for once designed to assist the national manager, Wright, Williams, Walsh and Stein were all brought to the Dell on Saturday to play with the orchestras of Southampton and Luton Town.

The stage could not have been set more conveniently but, even before they had properly tuned up, one of the strings broke. The tendons in Wright's right ankle did not snap but were so bruised and swollen the Lawrie McMenemy, his club manager, admitted that there was: "No point in him even going with the party to France."

Since Wright was the least likely of the four to be selected on Wednesday night, the setback could have been more unfortunate. Yet it again exposes the "trouble with our system" as McMenemy called it. "Bobby Robson has to wait until the last minute as usual before knowing whether everybody is fit."

The bad news did not end there. Moran and Wallace, two more of Southampton's five England representatives, were injured as well. Moran, suffering from: "A bump on the top of his foot," and Wallace, a twisted ankle, will receive treatment before knowing whether they can join the Under-21 side who meet France in Sheffield tomorrow night.

That Southampton and Luton, two clubs who cannot afford to buy success, should provide almost one fifth of Robson's two squads is a significant feat. Yet the chance to watch a large part of England's potential future was not the only rich prospect.

The two sides have become rightly renowned for their adventure. Although Southampton fulfilled their promise, Luton did not. Or at least they were not given the room to do so. With Agboola sweeping up behind Holmes and Wright, Walsh and Stein were taught a timely lesson in the problems of unlocking a defence so reminiscent of many on the continent.

On the three occasions that Stein saw the whites of Shilton's posts, he aimed too accurately. Although Walsh looked sharper than his partner, he found himself in an endless series of narrow alleyways with at least one red and white barrier in his path. In vain he spent the afternoon seeking a way through.

Although Barnes, of Watford, has exploded into form as a central striker, they are expected to be given the opportunity to start against France, whose defenders might be unsettled by their speed. There is nothing to be gained by picking the more experienced pair of Mariner and Woodcock, particularly as they are now combining together at Arsenal.

The case for Williams was put forward by McMenemy. "He's hot, as they say, and is now one of England's best all-round midfield players. He should score more goals and that is where Bryan Robson has the edge over him. But I hope he gets the chance soon to have a proper full game." He would not be alone in thinking that "soon" should be Wednesday.

Williams, outstanding again, floated a free kick for Wright to put Southampton ahead on the half hour. An older international combination increased their lead just before the interval, Armstrong heading in a Mills cross. Wothington hit the bar and Sealey saved Luton from further embarrassment four or five times before Donaghy claimed some empty consolation in the final minute.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; M Mills, M Dennis, S Williams, R Agboola, M Wright, N Holmes, S Moran, F Worthington, D Armstrong, D Wallace.
LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; K Stephens, M Thomas, B Horton, P Elliott, M Donaghy, R Hill, B Stein, P Walsh, R Daniel, E Nwajiobi (sub: C Goodyear).
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).



Balancing act: Heath, of Everton, and Taylor, of Watford, duel in a 4-4 draw.

A finale worthy of Wembley

By Vince Wright

Watford 4
Everton 4

High scoring matches are almost second nature to Watford but it was a welcome surprise to see Everton involved in Saturday's goal spree at Vicarage Road. Howard Kendall's improving, but generally prosaic team won the day, if not the game, in a thrilling second half when they twice recovered from being two goals behind.

In what may have been a dress rehearsal for the FA Cup Final, Everton showed that they could attack with the best of them and Watford's manager, Graham Taylor, was gracious enough to admit that Heath's injury-time equaliser was no more than they deserved.

Good results in midweek, with Watford winning handsomely at West Ham and Everton reaching the Milk Cup final, enabled both sides to approach this match with confidence. However, the first half gave no indication of what was to happen in the second. Everton seemed to have no stomach for a battle and Watford were erratic, despite the encouragement of a goal by Barnes after 23 minutes.

When Everton decided to take a leaf out of Watford's book by attacking in numbers the game began to see-saw dramatically. A venomous long-range effort from Sheedy at the start of the second half gave Watford a warning which they did not heed, and Sharp brought Everton level with an even better shot after 51 minutes.

Johnston, who had been called into Scotland's party, celebrated with his 17th goal in 20 appearances for Watford and when Barnes seized on a sloppy back pass by Stevens to make the score 3-1 Everton's cause looked lost. The underdogs of Merseyside, however, are no longer a soft touch.

Gray's 67th minute header from Sheedy's centre put a different perspective on things, only for Rostron to restore Watford's two-goal advantage by tapping in Callaghan's corner eight minutes later. Watford then allowed Sharp time and room to reduce the leeway again and the stage was set for a grand finale.

A Liverpool scout, assessing Everton for next month's Milk Cup final, would have noted their refusal to accept defeat and the slack defensive play which contributed to all four Watford goals. A Birmingham City scout, running the rule over Watford before the FA Cup sixth round tie on Saturday week, would have acknowledged their good set pieces and their vulnerability to sides who attack as often as Watford.

WATFORD: S Sherwood; D Bardsley, W Rostron, L Taylor, S Sims, F Franklin, N Callaghan, M Johnston, J Barnes, K Jackett, P Atkinson.
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, J Bailey, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, A Irvine, A Heath, G Sharp, A Gray, K Sheedy.
Referee: V Callow (Solihull).

Liverpool may fear sides of March

By Paul Newman

Liverpool 2
Queen's Park Rangers 0

The pretenders to Liverpool's first division crown are running out of time and chances to dethrone the champions. Having comfortably brushed aside the challenge of Queen's Park Rangers at Anfield on Saturday, Liverpool now have only two matches left against teams in the top six: Southampton away and West Ham United at home.

If Joe Fagan's team do falter they will probably do so next month, when they travel not only to Southampton but also to Everton and Watford, the two most improved teams in the division. Could it be a case of Liverpool having to beware the sides of March?

Yet Liverpool's fixture list is hardly one to send a chill wind blowing through the corridors of Anfield. Even if they do concede ground next month, they will have the chance to make amends in the final weeks of the season. Of their last seven matches six are against sides in the bottom eight.

Moreover, there were few indications on Saturday that Liverpool are not well on their way to winning their seventh League championship in nine seasons.

Fagan was full of praise for Rangers' skilful attacking style, yet the London side rarely looked like taking their first ever point at Anfield once Rush had scored his 32nd goal of the season after only eight minutes.

Liverpool were never quite at their best, but on the occasions when the red tide began to flow Rangers immediately looked in danger of being swamped. Souness in particular always appeared capable of breaching their defences with astute through-passes.

Rangers were made to pay dearly for mistakes early in both halves. In the first, they committed the unforgivable sin of giving Rush an inch of space within 25 yards of goal and his shot flew inside the far post. In the second a dreadful misplaced pass by the otherwise immaculate Fenwick gave Lee and Rush the chance to set up Robinson, who galloped into the penalty area and shot passed the advancing Hucker.

The winning margin could and should have been wider – in the final minutes Neal shot straight at Hucker from close range and then had a penalty saved – but Fagan is hardly likely to have his team in for extra shooting practice this week. Goal difference is not exactly something Liverpool have to worry about these days.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, M Robinson, S Lee, I Rush, C Johnston, G Souness.
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: W Neill; I Dawes, G Waddock, S Wicks, T Fenwick, M Fillery (sub: S Burke), I Stewart, J Charles, S Stainrod, J Gregory.
Referee D Shaw (Sandbach, Cheshire).

United stay in pursuit as other contenders falter

By Simon O'Hagan

Italian approaches to Bryan Robson notwithstanding, Manchester United confirmed themselves as Liverpool's most dogged pursuers in the race for the first division championship. With Nottingham Forest and West Ham United both losing on Saturday, United's 2–1 win over **Sunderland** put them back into second place, four points behind the leaders. Moran headed both United's goals.

West Ham's 1–0 defeat at **Norwich** – their third in a week – all but reduces them to would-be UEFA Cup qualifiers. It is a status that probably means more to Norwich, who have neither played in Europe nor been so well placed to do so as they are now.

European triumph has become little more tha a memory at **Aston Villa** this season. Elimination from the Milk Cup and a decline in league form left them badly in need of a morale-boosting win; they achieved it at the expense of **Wolverhampton Wanderers**, Withe scoring twice in their 4–0 win. Wolves thus remained entrenched at the foot of the first division, borne down by a clutch of other Midland clubs. **Notts County**, FA Cup quarter-finalists, look equally doomed to relegation. They lost 1–0 to **Stoke City** who, although still third from bottom, are staging something of a revival.

There was a minor shift in the balance of power at the top of the second division with **Sheffield Wednesday** replacing Chelsea as the leaders with a 2-1 win over Brighton. Chelsea, and in particular Dixon wasted numerous chances in the goalless draw with **Carlisle United**. **Grimsby Town** resolutely refuse to be overawed by the kind of company they are keeping in the upper echelons of the table. A 1-0 win at Crystal Palace keeps them in third place.

Withe: two-goal scorer

Elsewhere the awarding of penalties put two players on the spot, as it were. A three-times taken penalty at **Derby** was missed twice by Gemill before Robertson scored. The goal secured a 1-1 draw with **Huddersfield**. Carr, of Fulham, missed two penalties, but redeemed himself by creating two of the three goals which defeated **Shrewsbury Town**.

Laboured Orient

Orient 1 Southend 0

Shaun Brooks gave Orient a hard-won victory over relegation threatened Southend at Brisbane Road yesterday. Godfrey's goal was disallowed for offside before Brooks took Kitchen's pass to score with a fierce drive.

Tottenham aid the spoilers

By Paul Harrison

Tottenham Hotspur 0
Birmingham City 1

Birmingham are a team of spoilers and they certainly spoiled Tottenham's weekend. To be fair, they had a good deal of help from Tottenham themselves. Just how bad the home side were was best left to their manager to express. "Utterly bad" was how Keith Burkinshaw chose to describe a shambles of a performance.

The game, admittedly played in bitter cold, high wind and occasional driving rain, was littered with mistakes by both sides. Birmingham, anyway, are not particularly pretty to watch, but their brand of honest workmanship has taken them to the FA Cup quarter-finals and is lifting them out of the relegation one.

They hustle, contain, break out quickly and generally make life difficult. These were qualities Tottenham were quite unable to cope with.

The first half was tedious. Birmingham, as if realizing at long last that they had nothing to fear, attacked Tottenham in the second half. They nearly scored three times in the early part of the half (from Blake, Rees and Harford) before Stevenson's cross was put away by Harford in the 65th minute.

Tottenham immediately replaced the hapless Dick with Hazard and he did manage to breathe a spark of life into the pale-shirted ghosts of White Hart Lane, but it was all too late. Tottenham's day was typified by the long pass attempted by Hoddle towards half-time which, instead of splitting the defence, smacked into the back of Dick, not three yards away and bounced away.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: A Parks, D Thomas, C Hughton, G Stevens, P Miller, S Perryman, R Cooke, S Archibald, A Brazil, G Hoddle, A Dick (Sub M Hazard).
BIRMINGHAM CITY: A Coton, M McCarrick, P Van Den Hauwe, N Blake, B Wright, J Hagan, T Rees, M Kuhl, M Harford, B Stevenson, L Philips. Referee D Letts (Hampshire)

Arsenal go back to era of Grantland Rice

By Clive White

Nottingham Forest 0
Arsenal 1

While, in recent years, I am sure an Arsenal team hung on every word of wisdom from Pat Rice, their captain, just before kick-off, I doubt whether Grantland Rice would have got much of an audience. It was Rice – Grantland, I mean – who penned those immortal words which, we are told, are imprinted on the heart of every true Englishman:

For when the One Great Scorer comes
To write against your name,
He marks – not that you won or lost
But how you played the game.

There are not many managers around nowadays who would echo those sentiments and I should not think Don Howe gave his Arsenal team a quick reading of Rice – Grantland, I mean – shortly before three o'clock on Saturday. But both Rices would have been proud of them.

Whether the reason was to entertain, tactical or coincidental, Arsenal dipped back into the era of Grantland Rice and played with five men going forward, if not exactly five forwards. For some, that era may not seem so long ago. The elderly gentleman next to me still expressed surprise and amusement at the sight of a No 3 playing on the right wing.

This was one position in which Arsenal were lalcking, as indeed were Nottingham Forest before and after the substitution of the disappointing Thijssen by the equally disappointing Wigley in the seventieth minute.

A less attractive but nonetheless admirable feature of Arsenal's game was their willingness to compete. Since they have little future this season, they can only have been playing for their manager's.

If Bobby Robson, the England manager, is contemplating the pairing of Woodcock and Mariner in Paris on Wednesday, it is a thought best deferred. The two have never hit it off together at international level and in their second club game there is still no evidence of the combination succeeding. Woodcock gave Forest little cause to regret his departure, but the arrival of Mariner will cause a few defences to shed a tear.

He was a lively threat throughout and broke Forest's heart, and their rum of seven League games without defeat, with a fluke goal in the last minute. Van Breukelen, the Forest goalkeeper, hesitated as he came for Davis's up-and-under and was lost, the ball squirting past him as Mariner attempted to trap it. Van Breukelen threw out a hand in despair as though trying to catch a thief, but Mariner was round him to tap home.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H van Breukelen; V Anderson, K Swain, C Fairclough, P Hart, I Bowyer, F Thijssen (sub: S Wigley), I Wallace, G Birtles, S Hodge, C Walsh.
ARSENAL: P Jennings; C Hill, K Sansom, B Talbot, D. O'Leary, T Caton, P Davis, C Nicholas, P Mariner, A Woodcock, G Rix.
Referee: D Owen (Wirral).

Four names Stein can strike off

By Hugh Taylor

When Jock Stein picks his Scotland team today to play Wales in the British championship at Hampden Park tomorrow he will have to reckon without Strachan and Weir, of Aberdeen, and Stewart and Archibald, of West Ham and Tottenham respectively, and two others, Cooper, of Aberdeen, and Gough, of Dundee United, must have fitness tests before they can even be considered.

Stein sent Stewart back to London last night after looking at the player's damaged ankle. Archibald withdrew with a knee injury on Saturday, as did Strachan and Weir. Partly to compensate for these losses, Stein has drafted in Maurice Johnston, of Watford, who has scored 17 goals in 20 matches since his transfere from Partick Thistle.

While Scots are stimulated by the call-up of Johnston, many feel that now is the time to pair Brian McClair with McGarvey in a Celtic-Scotland partnership.

The accurate finishing of McClair, a speedy centre forward who has replaced Charlie Nicholas in Celtic's affection, has heightened the confidence of the club manager, David Hay, that Aberdeen can be overtaken in the premier division championship.

McClair scored three goals in a 4-1 victory over Heart of Midlothian at Parkhead to bring his total to 20 since his transfer from Motherwell.

Aberdeen, without Strachan and Weir, showed they have no intention of slipping by convincingly beating Hibernian away.

Marine in last eight

Marine, of the Northern Premier League, brought off the surprise of the FA Trophy third round on Saturday when a goal early in the second half by Williams gave them a 1-0 Victory away to Fisher Athletic, of the Southern League (Paul Newman writes).

Nuneaton Borough, the Alliance Premier League leaders, Twice came from behind to draw 2-2 at home to Dagenham, for whom McCombe scored twice. Morley hit Nuneaton's second equaliser

Barnet and Bangor City Also stage late recoveries. Goals by Regan and Atkins gave Barnet a 2-1 home victory after McGowan had put Kidderminster Harriers into the lead. Bangor, trailing 2-0 at half-time away to Gateshead, hit back through Gray and Morris to force a 2-2 draw.

TENNIS

Dowdeswell falters and out go Britain

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis correspondent

Italy beat Great Britain 3-2 in their Davis Cup tie at Telford. It was an exciting occasion, with all five matches lasting between two and three hours.

Britain went ahead by winning Saturday's doubles, but yesterday Gianni Ocleppo beat John Lloyd 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 and Corrado Brazzutti won the last match of the tie by beating Colin Dowdeswell 6-1, 0-6, 6-3, 7-5 after Dowdeswell had come within two points of taking a thrilling match into a fifth set.

Britain with into the last day wih two slight advantages. They were 2-1 up and Italy must have been disheartened after the doubles, in which an exciting counter-attack collapsed when Panatta lost all his three service games in the fifth set. By contrast, Dowdeswell, whose service was the slowest of the four, produced a solid game at a critical phase after his service had been broken three times in a row.

Dowdeswell, Lloyd's fifth partner in Davis Cup doubles, made the net-man's role look easy because of his anticipation, reach and touch. The British pair were the more consistently competent team, especially in the ultimate crisis.

Neither Italian had played a Davis Cup doubles before, but Ocleppo was often inspired – and always dangerous because of his hard hitting and his unflinching willingness to work and fight.

Ocleppo was in the same mood yesterday. He had never played a "live" Davis Cup singles until he went to Telford, but he overpowered Dowdeswell and Lloyd in turn.

Once Ocleppo had settled down, there was not much to be done about his first service yesterday. He had a run of eight service games in which he lost only eight points. He also read Lloyd's game with increasing facility. Again, too, Ocleppo's strength and energy were as remarkable as his indulgence in glaring, gesticulating and "body talk" that would not have looked out of place at La Scala.

Lloyd's erect and resolute drill-square bearing never deserted him. He played well, too – by his own standards, anyway. But he was not allowed to play well enough to deal with the inspired Telford edition of Ocleppo.

This meant that Dowdeswell, playing his sixth Davis Cup match, had to beat Barazzutti, playing his 60th, in order to earn a second round home tie with Australia from July 13-15.

It seemed possible, too, that the deciding match might have a bearing on the Davis Cup future of Christopher Mottram, who has withdrawn from the Grand Prix circuit, has twice been let down by a troublesome knee, and had to miss the Telford tie because of illness.

It was the first time Mottram had missed since 1977. If Britain could win such a tough tennis contest as this without him, there seemed to be no strong argument – other than a superb Davis Cup record – for taking a chance with Mottram against Australia.

All this though, was of no more than academic interest to the crowd of 2,500 who packed the arena yesterday. Hundreds more had to be turned away. All that mattered was whether a man whose only previous Davis Cup tie was in 1976, when he played for Rhodesia, could beat a hardened Davis Cup competitor known in Italy as Il Soldatino, 'the Little Soldier'.

Other Davis Cup results:
BUCHAREST: United States bt Romania 5-0: J McEnroe and P Fleming bt I Nastase and F Segarceanu 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; J Connors bt Nastase 6-4, 6-4; McEnroe bt Segarceanu 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.
CHRISTCHURCH: Paraguay bt New Zealand 3-2 (Paraguay names first): V Pecci and F Gonzalez bt C Lewis and R Simpson 6-3, 8-10, 6-2, 6-4; Lewis bt Gonzalez 6-3, 6-4; Simpson bt Pecci 6-3, 6-3.
DELHI: France bt India 4-1 (French names first): Y Noah and H Leconte bt A Amritraj and S Menon 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; Noah bt A Amritraj 6-4, 6-4; Menon bt Leconte 6-2, 5-7, 10-8.
HRADEC KRALOVE: Czechoslovakia bt Denmark 5-0, T Smid and P Slozil bt P Bastiansen and M Mortensen 6-4, 6-3, 12-10; L Pimek bt Bastiansen 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Smid bt Mortensen 7-6, 6-3.
NORRKÖPING: Sweden bt Ecuador 4-1 (Swedish names first): A Jarryd and M Wilander bt A Gomez and R Ycaza, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Nystrom bt Ycaza, 6-2, 6-0, 6-3; Wilander bt Gomez, 7-5, 6-4.
PERTH: Australia bt Yugoslavia 5-0. P McNamee and M Edmondson bt S Zivojinovic and M Ostoja, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4; J Fitzgerald bt B Oresar, 6-3, 6-4; McManee bt B Horvat, 6-4, 10-8.
STUTTGART: Argentina bt West Germany 4-1 (Argentina names first): G Vilas and J-L Clerc bt H-D Beutel and A Maurer, 13-11, 6-4, 6-3; Clerc bt Beutel, 7-6, 7-6; M Westphal bt Vilas, 6-3, 6-4.

EAST HANOVER, NEW JERSEY: US Women's Indoor Championships: Singles: Semi-finals: M Navratilova (US) bt M Masker (Neth), 6-1, 6-3. C Lloyd (US) bt A Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 6-0. Final: Navratilova bt Lloyd, 6-2, 7-6. Doubles: Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt J Durie (GB) and A Kiyomura (US), 6-4, 6-3.
VINA DEL MAR, CHILE: Grand Prix tournament: Semi-finals: H Gildemeister (Chile) bt T Wilkison (US), 7-6, 6-3; A Fillol (Chile) bt E Bengoechea (Arg), 7-6, 6-3.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Wakefield knocked out

By Keith Macklin

There was only one surprise in yesterday's second round ties in the Challenge Cup, sponsored by State Express, and York's 20-12 victory at Wakefield left them as the sole remaining second division side to go into tomorrow's draw. The scores were level 12-12 at half-time, but the hard-tackling York side won the game against disappointing first division opponents with a try by Blackburn and two goals from Steadman, who kicked four goals.

Castleford and Warrington figured in a magnificently exciting game at Wheldon Road. Castleford came from 12-0 down to win 23-16, but Warrington supporters will claim with justification that a key factor in Castleford's come back was Warrington's loss of their injured star half back Kelly in the first half. Joyner, the international back, played at loose forward for Castleford, and scored the try which started the comeback. Bob Beardmore again played a considerable part for Castleford, kicking five goals and dropping a goal.

Hunslet put up a brave fight on behalf of the second division at home to Bradford Northern and led 5-4 at one stage. Northern's forwards stormed the Hunslet line and Grayshon and Noble, both international forwards, scored tries, with Parrish landing four goals and Robinson a dropped goal.

Hull Kingston Rovers, the favourites, coasted comfortably into the third round with an expected 40-7 romp against Doncaster. Leeds won their 14th successive game by overcoming the dour Cumbrian challenge of Workington Town 12-3.

Saturday's televised game, between St Helens and Hull produced an excellent match, and St Helens's 24-14 win prevents Hull from making their third consecutive appearance in the Wembley final. Outstanding for St Helens were Pinner at loose forward and the half back, Holding. The skilful Pinner scored a try and dropped four goals and Holding scored a second-half try. Schofield scored two tries for Hull to take his total for the season to 24.

CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Castleford 23, Warrington 16; Fulham 10, Widnes 12; Hull Kingston Rovers 40, Doncaster 7; Hunslet 7, Bradford Northern 17; Wakefield Trinity 12, York 20; Wigan 30, Oldham 6; Workington Town 3, Leeds 12.
FIRST DIVISION: Salford 26, Whitehaven 16.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool Borough 32, Cardiff City 25; Carlisle 10, Halifax 12; Dewsbury 15, Kent Invicta 2; Huyton 4, Huddersfield 18; Keighley 4, Bramley 32; Rochdale Hornets 6, Barrow 14.

BADMINTON

Miss Troke is No 1 in Europe

From Richard Eaton, Ostend

England's men and women qualified here for the finals of the world championships in Malayasia in May – the first ever joint Thomas Cup and Uber Cup – and Helen Troke proved herself the leading player in Europe.

The Commonwealth champion from Southampton gained her third successive win over her great rival, Kirsten Larsen, and dropped only four points. England's women went on to win the zone final by beating Denmark 4-1.

England's men also go through, although they lost their zone final 2-3 to the Danes. Nick Yates beat the European champion, Jens Peter Nierhoff, 15-2, 15-5.

THOMAS CUP: Ostend: Ireland bt Zambia 5-0 (Irish names first): W Thompson bt S Gondwe 15-2, 15-2; P Marron bt B Mwape 15-1, 15-1; S Beveridge bt B Chimlwembe 15-4, 15-3; Thompson and F Evans bt Gondwe and Mwape 15-0, 15-5; Marron and G Henderson bt M Chola and Chimlwembe 15-1, 15-1.
Belgium bt Finland 4-1 (Welsh names first): C Rees bt H Holvikan 15-3, 15-11; B Burns bt T Tuominen 13-15, 15-12, 15-11; J Murtagh lost to T Westerholm 17-18, 15-7, 13-15; Y Lim and Burns bt Tuominen and M Hemonen 15-13, 15-8; Rees and L Williams bt Holvikari and Westerholm 15-6, 15-8.
Austria bt Norway 3-2; Denmark bt Scotland 5-0 (Danish names first): M Frost bt A White 15-2, 15-1; J P Nierhoff bt K Middlemass 15-3, 15-6; I Fredenksen bt G Hamilton 15-3 17-18, 15-7; Frost and Nierhoff bt W Gilliland and D Travers 15-4, 15-11; M Kjeldsen and M Christiansen bt White and I Pringle 15-7, 15-5.
Final: Denmark bt England 3-2. (Danish results first). M Frost bt S Baddeley 15-10, 18-15; J P Nierhoff bt N Yates 15-2, 15-5; M Kjeldsen bt S Butler 8-15, 15-10, 15-3. Third place match: Sweden bt Scotland 4-1.
Hongkong: Indonesia bt New Zealand 5-0; Australia bt Hongkong 4-1. Toronto: Canada bt US 4-1; Japan bt Mexico 5-0; Japan bt Canada 3-2. Consolation final: United States bt Mexico. New Delhi: South Korea bt Sri Lanka 5-0; India bt Thailand 4-1; Thailand bt Sri Lanka 5-0. Final: South Korea bt India 4-1.
UBER CUP: Toronto: Canada bt Taiwan 4-1. Canada bt US 5-0, (Canada win round-robin); New Delhi: India bt Sri Lanka 5-0. South Korea bt India 5-0; Indonesia bt Sri Lanka 5-0. Final: South Korea bt Indonesia 4-1. Ostend: England bt Sweden 4-1 (English names first): H Troke bt C Magnusson 11-2, 11-7, K Beckman bt M Bengtsson 11-7, 6-11, 11-0; J Webster bt L Stazler 11-5, 11-8; Beckman and G Gilks lost to Magnusson and Bengtsson 15-10, 12-15, 10-15; Webster and B Sutton bt A Borjesson and L Johansson 15-8, 15-8.
Final: England bt Denmark 4-1. (English results first). H Troke bt K Larsen 11-2, 11-2; K Beckmen bt R V Sorensen 11-8, 11-7; J Webster bt D Kjaer 12-11, 4-11, 11-7. Third place match: Sweden bt Scotland 3-2.

ICE SKATING

TOKYO: Professional international championship: Men's singles: 1, R Cousins (GB), 69.9 pts; 2, A Schramm (US) 69.1; 3, D Santee (US) 68.8. ICE DANCING: 1, K Krohn/B Hagan (US), 69 pts; 2, L Heming/M Carey (Can), 68.9; 3, S McLoud/J Rait (Can), 68.3.

CRICKET

Hogg gets back into rhythm

Georgetown, Guyana (Reuter) – Rodney Hogg, the Australian fast bowler, overcame a placid batting pitch to take five wickets for 114 as Guyana reached 417 for eight declared in their first innings on the third day of a four-day match here.

Hogg, who had rhythm problems on Friday and was no-balled several times for overstepping, took three wickets with the second new ball on Saturday as Guyana struggled through the opening session. The home side began the day well placed at 291 for two in reply to Australia's first-innings total of 467 for six declared.

The unbeaten overnight third-wicket partnership of 189 between Jackman and Timur added only seven runs before Timur fell for 68 to a one-handed return catch to Hogg. Jackman took his overnight total of 196 to 125

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

S B Smith c Kallicharan b Butts	105
W B Phillips c Pydanna b Joseph	1
G M Ritchie c Seeram b Harper	64
*A R Border st Pydanna b Harper	113
D W Hookes st Pydanna b Butts	61
D M Jones c Timur Mohamed b Butts	58
G R J Matthews not out	23
†R D Woolley not out	27
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, w 5, n-b 5)	15
Total (6 wkts dec)	467

T G Hogan, G F Lawson and R M Hogg did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–9, 2–102, 3–282, 4–298 5–411, 6–414.

BOWLING. Joseph 23–5–96–1; Charles 9–2–45–0; Butts 38–4–132–3; Harper 34–2–124–2; Kallicharran 11–1–51–0, Seeram 1–0–3–0; Lambert 2–0–11–0

GUYANA: First Innings

A A Lyght c Hookes b Hogg	38
C B Lambert c Phillips b Hogg	52
A F D Jackman b Hogg	125
*Timur Mohamed c and b Hogg	68
R Seeram b Hogan	37
D I Kallicharran b Hogg	22
R A Harper c Ritchie b Hogan	5
†M R Pydanna not out	23
C Butts b Matthews	8
R F Joseph not out	1
Extras (b8, l-b14, w1, n-b15)	38
Total (8wkts dec)	417

G E Charles did not bat

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GOLF: Ewen Murray held off a storming final round challenge from Bill Longmuir, his fellow Briton to clinch a one-stroke victory in the Nigerian Open championship in Lagos yesterday. He had some anxious moments over the last two holes when Longmuir was already in the clubhouse on 272 after a final round 64, seven under par, which equalled the record for the redesigned course set by Murray on Saturday.

FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES FROM THE WEEKEND

First division

Aston Villa	4	Wolverhampton	0
Leicester	2	Ipswich	0
Liverpool	2	Q P Rangers	0
Manchester U	2	Sunderland	1
Norwich	1	West Ham United	0
Nottm Forest	0	Arsenal	1
Southampton	2	Luton	1
Stoke	1	Notts County	0
Tottenham H	0	Birmingham City	1
Watford	4	Everton	4
West Brom Alb	1	Coventry	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	29	17	8	4	47	20	59
Manchester Utd	29	15	10	4	54	31	55
Nottm Forest	29	16	5	8	54	33	53
West Ham Utd	29	15	5	9	46	31	50
Southampton	28	14	7	7	36	24	49
Q P Rangers	28	14	4	10	45	25	46
Norwich City	29	11	9	9	34	32	42
Watford	29	12	5	12	56	54	41
Tottenham H	29	11	8	10	46	45	41
Aston Villa	28	11	8	9	43	42	41
Luton Town	28	12	4	12	42	43	40
Coventry C	28	10	9	9	38	37	39
Arsenal	29	11	5	13	44	40	38
Everton	28	9	9	9	25	31	36
Birmingham C	28	9	6	13	28	33	33
Sunderland	28	8	9	11	28	39	33
Ipswich Town	28	9	5	15	36	40	32
Leicester C	29	8	8	12	44	49	32
West Brom Alb	28	9	5	14	31	45	32
Stoke City	29	7	8	14	27	49	29
Notts County	28	5	6	17	35	58	21
Wolverhampton	28	4	7	17	22	58	19

FA TROPHY: Third round: AP Leamington 4, Chelmsford 0; Barnet 2, Kiddermister 1; Dulwich Hamlet 0, Northwich Victoria 0; Fisher Athletic 0, Marine 1; Gateshead 2, Bangor City 2; Nuneaton 2, Dagenham 2; Telford United 2, Bromsgrove 0; Whitby Town 2, Frickley 0.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bath 3, Yeovil 1; Boston United 4, Weymouth 3; Kettering 3, Trowbridge 2; Maidstone 2, Altrincham 0; Runcorn 0, Enfield 0; Scarborough 4, Worcester 4.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 1, Norwich 2; Ipswich 3, Charlton 1; Millwall 4, Cambridge United 1; Portsmouth 2, Spurs 1. Postponed: Chelsea v Gillingham. Second division: West Ham 2, Swindon 6.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Chalfont St Peter 4, Thatcham 1; Edgware 1, Berkhamsted 1; Chertsey 3, Burnham 2; Flackwell Heath 3, Horley 1; Fleet 1, Wolverton 0; Harefield 2, Eaststead 2; Haringey Borough 2, Camberley 2; Marlow 2, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Rechit 1, Fisher Manor 1; Whyteleafe 2, Hoddesdon 2.

Second division

Cambridge United	1	Portsmouth	3
Chelsea	0	Carlisle	0
Crystal Palace	0	Grimsby	1
Derby	1	Huddersfield	1
Fulham	3	Shrewsbury	0
Leeds	1	Barnsley	2
Middlesbrough	0	Manchester City	0
Newcastle	3	Cardiff	1
Oldham	0	Blackburn	0
Sheffield Wed	2	Brighton	1
Swansea	1	Charlton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield W	28	17	7	4	55	26	56
Chelsea	30	16	10	4	60	32	58
Grimsby T	29	15	10	4	42	28	55
Newcastle Utd	28	17	3	8	56	39	54
Manchester C	29	15	7	7	47	31	52
Carlisle Utd	29	13	11	5	33	19	50
Blackburn R	28	12	12	4	36	31	48
Charlton A	29	13	7	9	38	38	46
Huddersfield	28	10	10	8	38	36	40
Leeds United	28	11	6	11	39	39	39
Middlesbrough	28	9	9	10	30	29	36
Portsmouth	29	10	5	14	48	42	35
Brighton	28	9	7	12	43	43	34
Barnsley	28	9	6	13	40	40	33
Fulham	29	8	9	12	38	38	33
Shrewsbury	27	8	9	10	30	37	33
Oldham Ath	29	9	6	14	30	47	33
Cardiff City	28	10	2	16	34	45	32
Crystal Palace	28	8	7	13	29	36	31
Derby County	29	6	7	16	26	53	25
Swansea City	29	4	6	19	24	55	18
Cambridge City	28	2	8	18	21	53	14

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 4, Chelsea 0; Luton 0, QP Rangers 1; Southampton 0, Brighton 0; West Ham 0, Watford 4.
IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 0, Cliftonville 0; Ballymena 2, Carrick Rangers 2; Crusaders 1, Glenavon 1, Larne 3, Bangor 1; Linfield 3, Distillery 1; Newry Town 0, Glentoran 1; Portadown 0, Coleraine 2
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow 2, Worksop 1, Hyde United 2, Rhyl 4, Macclesfield 2, Burton Albion 0, Matlock 1, Southport 0, Morecambe 1, Grantham 0; Oswestry 2, Goole 1, Stafford Rangers 3, Mossley 2, Whitton Albion 3, Gainsborough 1; Workington 4, South Liverpool 2.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham 3, Crook 1, Bishop Auckland 0, Blyth Spartans 1; Evenwood 0, Whitley Bay 1, Gretna 0, Tow Law 4, North Shields 5, Peterlee 1 Shildon 1 Consett 0, South Bank 5, Ashington 0, Spennymore 0, Horden 2.

Third division

Bolton W	2	Port Vale	0
Brentford	1	Sheffield United	3
Burnley	4	Lincoln	0
Gillingham	3	Wigan Athletic	0
Newport	1	Exeter	0
Oxford United	3	Bournemouth	2
Plymouth	2	Hull City	0
Preston N. E.	0	Millwall	0
Rotherham	1	Wimbledon	2
Scunthorpe	2	Bristol Rovers	2
Walsall	1	Bradford City	2

Yesterday

ORIENT	(1) 1	SOUTHEND	(0) 0
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	31	18	4	9	72	56	58
Walsall	31	17	6	8	51	40	57
Oxford	28	17	5	6	59	37	56
Bristol R	31	15	7	9	48	38	52
Hull	27	14	9	4	42	22	51
Sheffield U	30	14	9	7	55	36	51
Bolton W	31	14	8	9	42	33	50
Burnley	29	13	9	7	59	31	48
Orient	31	14	6	11	44	45	48
Gillingham	27	14	5	8	51	41	47
Bradford City	29	13	7	9	54	44	46
Lincoln	32	13	6	13	42	46	45
Millwall	31	11	10	10	49	52	43
Newport	29	11	9	9	40	50	42
Plymouth	27	9	7	11	38	34	34
Preston	30	9	7	14	43	42	34
Wigan Ath	28	9	7	12	29	39	34
Brentford	30	6	10	14	42	56	28
Southend	30	6	9	15	35	52	27
Rotherham	27	7	5	15	29	40	26
Bournemouth	29	7	5	17	36	55	26
Scunthorpe	29	4	12	13	34	54	24
Port Vale	30	6	5	19	28	56	23
Exeter	30	5	7	18	37	60	22

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth 2, Alvechurch 0, Cheltenham 2, Kings Lynn 0, Corby 2, Sutton Coldfield 0; Dorchester 1, Stourbridge 2; Fareham Town 1, Dartford 2, Gravesend 0, Gosport 0; Witney Town 2, Hastings 0. Midland division: Banbury 1 Shepshed Charterhouse 1; Bridgnorth 0, Aylesbury 2; Dudley 5, Tamworth 1; Forest Green 2, Merthyr Tydfil 0; Leicester United 0, Milton Keynes 1, Moor Green 1, Oldbury 0; Rushden 1, Bridgwater 0; VS Rugby 4, Redditch 0; Willenhall 2, Wellingborough 0. Southern division: Addlestone 6, Dover 0; Andover 1, Cambridge City 1, Ashford 0, Waterlooville 1; Canterbury 0, Basingstoke 2; Dunstable 4, Erith and Belvedere 2; Hillingdon 1, Crawley 0; Poole 3, Woodford 1; R S Southampton 4, Hounslow 0, Salisbury 1, Chatham 1, Tonbridge 4, Thanet 1.

Fourth division

Bristol City	2	Aldershot	1
Chesterfield	1	Blackpool	1
Colchester	0	Swindon	0
Halifax	1	Doncaster	2
Hartlepool	4	Mansfield	1
Hereford	1	Torquay	1
Northampton	2	Crewe	0
Reading	1	York City	0
Rochdale	2	Darlington	0
Wrexham	3	Bury	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York City	29	19	4	6	60	28	61
Doncaster	31	16	11	4	57	38	59
Reading	32	14	11	7	61	44	53
Bristol City	31	16	5	10	49	32	53
Aldershot	32	15	7	10	51	48	52
Colchester	29	13	11	5	50	26	50
Blackpool	29	14	5	10	39	29	47
Peterborough	31	12	10	9	47	32	46
Stockport	32	12	8	12	46	45	44
Northampton	30	11	10	9	35	35	43
Torquay	31	11	10	10	40	45	43
Crewe	30	12	7	11	36	44	43
Bury	31	11	9	11	46	41	42
Tranmere	31	10	12	9	35	32	42
Swindon	31	10	10	11	44	39	40
Chesterfield	31	8	13	10	34	41	37
Darlington	29	10	4	15	24	32	34
Wrexham	29	7	11	11	36	38	32
Rochdale	30	7	11	12	39	51	32
Hereford	31	7	11	13	25	40	32
Halifax	31	7	11	13	31	51	32
Mansfield	30	6	9	15	37	55	27
Hartlepool	30	7	6	17	31	55	27
Chester	31	3	10	18	26	57	19

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Harlow 2, Carshalton 1, Hayes 1, Croydon 1; Hitchin 1, Hendon 0; Slough 0, Bromley 0; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Staines 1, Walthamstow Avenue 1, Bishop's Stortford 0; Worthing 2, Harrow Borough 2; Wycombe Wanderers 2, Bognor 2. First division: Aveley 2, Woking 5; Chesham 1, Farnborough 1, Cheshunt 1, Hornchurch 1; Epsom 1, Tilbury 1; Feltham 0, Oxford City 5; Hampton 1, Windsor and Eton 1, Kingstonian 1, Lewes 1; Leatherhead v Walton and H, postponed; Maidenhead 3, Metropolitan Police 1, Wembley 5, Hertford 2. Second division: Barton Rovers 1, Finchley 0; Basildon 1, Letchworth 0; Grays 2, Eastbourne United 1, Hungerford 1, Corinthian-Casuals 1; Molesey 1, Leyton/Wingate 2; Rainham 2, Epping 2; Southall 1, Hemel Hempstead 1, Tring 1, Egham 1; Uxbridge 1, Horsham 0; Ware 3, Newbury 0.
Thames-side Trophy: First round: Barking 0, Leytonstone/Ilford 2.
Friendly: Billericay 3, Clapton 1.

Scottish premier division

Celtic	4	Hearts	1
Dundee	1	Rangers	3
Hibernian	0	Aberdeen	2
Motherwell	1	St Johnstone	0
St Mirren	2	Dundee United	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	23	18	3	2	59	12	39
Celtic	24	15	5	4	57	28	35
Dundee Utd	21	12	5	4	40	20	29
Rangers	24	11	5	8	38	31	27
St Mirren	24	6	11	7	35	35	23
Hearts	23	7	8	8	25	35	22
Hibernian	24	8	3	13	29	39	19
Dundee	22	7	2	13	30	46	16
St Johnstone	25	6	1	18	23	63	13
Motherwell	24	2	7	15	18	48	11

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Boreham Wood 2, Sutton 4.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 0, Frome 0; Chippenham 1, Dawlish 0, Devizes 1, Shepton Mallet 1; Exmouth 2, Bideford 1; Mangotsfield 0, Plymouth 1; Taunton 0, Bristol Manor Farm 2.
SOMERSET CUP: Wellington 1, Clevedon 2; Weston-super-Mare 1, Minehead 3.
BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Abingdon Utd 2, Wokingham 1.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ashton United 1, Congleton Town 4; Burscough 3, Netherfield 0; Glossop 3, Darwen 1; Lancaster City 2, Formby 1; Leek Town 4, Bootle 1; Leyland Motors 1, Curzon Ashton 2; Penrith 0, Radcliffe Boro 1; Prescot Cables 2, Caernarfon Town 0, Winsford Utd 2, Stalybridge Celtic 3. Postponed: Accrington Stanley v St Helens Town
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Appley Frodingham 0, Winterton Rangers 0; Arnold 3, Boston 0; Bentley Victoria 1, Ilkeston Town 1; Bridlington Trinity 0, Spalding United 2; Eastwood Town 0, Thackley 0; Emley 2, Heanor Town 0; Mexborough Town 2, Guisborough Town 5.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bradfieldians 0, Foresters 2; Carthusians 1, Brentwoods 3; Lancing O.B. 1, Harrovians 0; Malvernians 0, Cholmeleians 0
First division: Reptonians 3, Wellingburians 0; Salopians 1, Aldenhamians 6, Westminsters 2, Ardinians 0; Wykehamists 2, Citizens 2.
Schools matches: Brentwood 4, Liverpool Ramblers AFC 0; Charterhouse 9, Bearwood 0.

Scottish first division

Airdrie	0	Hamilton	1
Ayr	2	Clyde	1
Brechin	1	Alloa	1
Clydebank	3	Kilmarnock	0
Dumbarton	3	Raith Rovers	1
Falkirk	1	Meadowbank	4
Morton	4	Partick Thistle	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	27	13	10	4	54	35	36
Partick	28	16	4	8	51	38	36
Dumbarton	27	14	7	6	48	35	35
Brechin	26	10	10	6	38	33	30
Clydebank	26	11	7	8	41	33	29
Kilmarnock	27	13	3	11	43	36	29
Falkirk	27	12	3	12	36	42	27
Ayr	28	8	10	10	43	44	26
Clyde	27	9	7	11	38	34	25
Airdrie	28	9	6	13	28	40	24
Meadowbank	28	9	6	13	34	49	24
Hamilton	27	6	11	10	29	34	23
Alloa	27	6	6	15	31	47	18
Raith	27	4	10	13	29	45	18

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers	1	Queen o the South	4
Arbroath	1	Montrose	1
Dunfermline A	1	Stranraer	0
East Fife	0	Forfar	0
Stenhousemuir	0	Cowdenbeath	1
Stirling Albion	0	Berwick	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	25	17	6	2	48	18	40
Queen of South	27	14	5	8	37	24	33
Stirling A	23	11	10	2	33	17	32
Arbroath	28	13	5	8	39	28	31
Berwick	27	11	7	9	43	29	29
East Fife	27	11	5	11	33	34	27
Stenhousemuir	26	10	7	9	30	32	27
Stranraer	27	9	7	11	31	34	25
Queens Park	26	9	5	12	39	45	23
Dunfermline	27	7	9	11	26	32	23
East Stirling	28	7	6	13	34	45	20
Cowdenbeath	26	6	7	12	27	37	19
Albion Rovers	26	5	8	13	37	54	18
Montrose	26	7	3	16	24	49	17

Maradona hurt

Madrid, (Reuter) – Diego Maradona has pulled a leg muscle and may be doubtful for Barcelona's European Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-final first-leg home game against Manchester United on March 7.

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RUGBY UNION: JOHN PLAYER CUP REACHES QUARTER-FINAL STAGE

Bath show a touch of class in the mud

By Gordon Allan

Blackheath	**12**
Bath	**41**

Forget the scoreline, they say on the football pages when they want you to believe that a team who lost 5-0 could have won. It would be hard to play down, let alone forget, this scoreline at the Rectory Field on Saturday, when Bath beat Blackheath in the John Player Cup by four goals, two tries and three penalty goals to a goal and two penalties.

All the same, there is a little more to it than meets the eye. It does not tell you how well Blackheath played in the first half or that they led 12-7 at the break. But once you know that, it tells you eloquently what happened afterwards. Bath scored 34 points in the second half while Blackheath's efforts to keep pace came more and more to resemble those of a Shetland pony pursuing a Derby winner.

Pace is the word. Bath had reserves of it, and it was not confined to their backs. Hakin and Simpson were forwards who could run, and Simpson, Cunningham and Gaymond were among the try scorers. Add experience and skill to pace and you have the touch of class that was the main reason for Bath's victory.

Horton did not have one of his best days. Some of his kicking allowed Blackheath to run the ball back at Bath. But it did not matter, he and Hill were still the relaxed prompters. Palmer kicked goals from all angles, mud or no mud. Trick scored two tries and had the Bath folk yelling for more.

Blackheath trained like furies for this match – their first against Bath for nearly 50 years. They won a fair share of the ball in tight and loose, and cut their losses at the lineouts by shortening them. Munday's tactical kicking was fine and Cokell and Colyer traced a few patterns in midfield. But the variety, the dexerity and the ultimate penetration were not there.

Cunningham, Scotland's reserve hooker, started the match with a try and ended it on the touchline with a shoulder injury.

SCORERS: Blackheath: Try: Skinner. Conversion: Munday. Penalties: Munday (2). Bath: Tries: Cunningham, Gaymond, Hill, Trick (2), Simpson. Conversions: Palmer (4) Penalties: Palmer (3).

BLACKHEATH: G Walters; M Ballard, L Cokell, N Colyer, C Kibble; G Munday, G Williams; P Essenhigh, B Howe, R Sellers, D Vaughan, M Wilden, J Wishart, M Skinner, S Hill.

BATH: C Martin; D Trick, J Palmer, A Rees, B Trevaskis; J Horton, R Hill; G Chilcott, R Cunningham (rep: P Turner), R Lee, R Spurrell, R Hakin, N Gaymond, J Hall, P Simpson.

Referee: A Turner (Manchester).



Colyer of Blackheath is brought down by Gaymond. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Wasps raise survival art to new height

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Orrell	**15**
Wasps	**15**

(Wasps win on tries scored)

If survival wins cup competitions, then the name of Wasps is already written on the John Player Cup. They brought the art to a new height at Edge Hall Road on Saturday when, for the second successive round, they came away with a draw but reached the quarter-final round by virtue of having scored two tries to nil.

Gosforth were their victims in the third round, Orrell in the fourth, beaten by two goals and a penalty goal to five penalties. It is only the third time that Wasps have reached this stage, and though they are there on merit, they did their best to make life awkward for themselves. They had an important edge on Orrell in experience and organization, yet they nearly threw it all away by the concession of a string of early penalties.

Burnage, normally a stand-off half but brought in on the wing because of his goalkicking abilities, scored with five penalties out of eight attempts, but Wasps scored the tries which, if nothing else, justified their further progress.

Both sides opted for a limited game, which was more understandable of Wasps than it was of Orrell. The visitors were without their first-choice stand-off and centres and proved cumbersome on the rare occasions they did move the ball, which was a pity with such a talented runner as Smith loitering alone on the left wing.

A tight game for Orrell was justified only if their pack gained the upper hand, and even then it demanded that Glynn kick accurately. He did not, and nor could their forwards dominate either the set pieces or the loose exchanges. Wasps' scrummaging was excellent, with Colclough, before the interested gaze of three England selectors, a cornerstone of their efforts. Not only did he scrummmage and maul well, his timing (much assisted by Simmond's throwing) at the lineouts was a pleasure to watch.

Colclough spent most of his time jumping against the 6ft 8in Kimmins, which left Cusani in the middle to prove the best of Orrell's tight forwards. At the set scrummages the Orrell front row found themselves in all sorts of uncomfortable positions and were several times penalized for collapsing; then they lost their tight head prop and captain, Southern, in the second half with an elbow injury.

Wasps led 9-6 at half-time, aided by a penalty try awarded when Orrell collapsed the scrummage on their own line at the second time of asking. It was one of several good decisions by Ian Bullerwell, and East Midlands referee, who handled the game well and whom I look forward to seeing officiate again.

Burnage carried Orrell into a 15-9 lead with nine minutes left and it was appropriate that Colclough, at a lineout on the Orrell line, should leap high at the front and twist over for a try in the same movement. Stringer's conversion, from wide on the left, was a horrid miss-hit effort but the ball just staggered over the bar. It left Orrell still with only one defeat to their name this season, but nonetheless beaten.

SCORERS: Orrell: Penalties: Burnage (5). WASPS: Tries: Colclough, penalty try. Conversions: Stringer (2). Penalty: Stringer.

ORRELL: P Williams; S Burnage, P Philips, J Carlston, I Wilkinson; G Glynn, A Barron; K Fletcher, N Hitchen, D Southern (rep. D Fisher), B Lundy, R Kimmins, D Cusani, D Cleary, D Balmer.

WASPS: N Stringer; S Smith, R Lozowski, R Pellow, R Sumner; M Boyd, J Cullen; P Rendall, A Simmonds, A Isichei, A Dun, J Hames, M Colclough, F Emeruwa, K Moss.

Referee: I Bullerwell (East Midlands).

Cruellest of blows for Albion

By David Hands

London will have the greatest representation in today's draw for the quarter-finals of the John Player Cup, but of their three surviving clubs only **London Scottish** strode comfortably forward. **Wasps** go through on technical merit and **Harlequins** dealt the cruelest of blows to **Plymouth Albion** by scoring deep into injury time the winning try in a 17-16 victory.

Plymouth, who have never reached the quarter finals, must have felt an historic win was in the offing and it must have been especially disappointing Mr Durkin, their stand-off hlf, when they led 16-13 at the end of proper time. Durkin had scored a ty, kicked two penalties and a dropped goal and Trigg from centre, had kicked another dropped goal. Three penalties by Dudman and a try by Thompson had kept Harliquins in the picture before Ball, their back row forward, was unleashed on the line from a lineout with 10 minutes of extra-time having been played.

Such a result, however, must help Plymouth consolidate their spectacular rise over the past few seasons by bringing in stronger fixtures. One club who already have an excellent fixture list but are not always given the credit they deserve for it is **Nottingham** who despatched Moseley 10-3 at The Reddings to reach their third quarter final in five years.

With Leicester and Gloucester out of the way, Nottingham believe this could be their year

No Cuthbertson

Bill Cuthbertson, the Scotland lock forward, has had to pull out of the side who hope to win the Triple Crown in Dublin on Saturday. He has aggravated a groin injury. His place against Ireland goes to Alister Campbell.

Iain Paxton, Scotland's No 8, was unable to train with the squad at Murrayfield yesterday because of damaged knee ligaments. Garan Fitzgerald, of Ireland, has the same trouble and is doubtful as reserve hooker.

Battered Coventry win

By Bryan Stiles

Coventry	**16**
London Irish	**7**

The fabled luck of the Irish wrapped itself like a warm blanket around the hunched, injury-worn shoulders of Coventry to protect them on a chill Midlands afternoon, which numbed fingers and sent spectators hurrying for the comfort of the clubhouse long before this scrappy affair finished.

Coventry, who disposed of the much-fancied Leicester in the previous round, have been beset with injuries and needed all the luck that was going – even though they were clearly the better side on Saturday.

They went on to win by one try, three penalty goals and one dropped goal to one try and one penalty goal.

Fortunately for the Midlanders, their visitors were not in tune with the referee, Mr Leslie, interpretation of the rules for much of the bruising early period of the match when the packs battled for domintation.

Massey, the Coventry centre, should have put his side beyond reach very quickly but he managed to collect only one penalty goal in the first half.

However, luck was on the Midlanders' side when Wright woefully miskicked. The ball winged its erratic way over the bar for a fortunate dropped goal which gave them a 6-0 lead at the interval.

The Irish revised their game plan in the second half, after getting the hang of what the referee expected of them. They swarmed through the Coventry defence and their scrum half, Murphy, popped up twice in a handling move that brought Campbell the first try of the match.

But inevitably the visiting forwards transgressed again, and Massey made them pay.

SCORERS: Coventry: Try: Brain. Dropped goal: Wright. Penalty goals: Massey 3. London Irish: Try: Campbell. Pen: McCulla.

CAOVENTRY: H Bevan; R Withworth, R Massey, J Cooke, E Saunders; N Wright, R Watts; L Johnson, S Brain, S Wilkes, N Malik, A Gulliver, B Kidner, P Thomas, R Travers.

LONDON IRISH: P Davidson; S Campbell, A Watkinson (rep: N McCulla), N Murphy, J Bates; H Condon, B Murphy, T Hennessy, G Beringer, P Enevoldson, S Marty, J Sheehan, B McCall, C Christopher, J O'Driscoll.

Referee: D Leslie (Lancashire).

Bristol humble Welsh

By Nicholas Keith

Bristol	**36**
London Welsh	**8**

Bristol's hold on the John Player Cup looked unbreakable in their comprehensive fourth round victory on Saturday by three goals, three tries, a penalty and a drop goal to two tries.

Although the television cameras were at the Memorial Ground, the highlights on BBC yesterday did not do justice to this compelling advertisement for 15-man rugby, with a second-half try by Barnes deserving a place in the game's hall of fame.

Last season, London Welsh upended Gloucester in the Cup but there was to be no repeat as Bristol took early command. Their superiority was achieved in the absence of experienced hands such as Hasford, Doubleday, Sorrell and Carr. The dominant figures were Rafter, the captain and Pomphrey, back to his ebullient best with two closing tries.

Barnes opened the scoring with a well taken dropped goal after eight minutes and then Pomphrey scored his first try from a penalty in the tenth minute, when the Welsh scrum half Pritchard was forces to leave the field with a head injury and was replaced by George. The Welsh dragon briefly breathed fire and Rees scored on the left after another tapped penalty.

A penalty by Barnes was the only addition before half-time

A stirring second half began with Wyatt, a worthy deputy for Hesford, scoring in the corner after a diagonal run. Then Harding, Wyatt and Williams poured out of defence, the play switched right and passed through six more pairs of hands before Barnes dived over the line.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Pomfrey (2), Wyatt, Barnes, Morley, Hogg. Dropped goal: Barnes. Penalty: Barnes. Conversions: Hogg (3). London Welsh: Tries: Rees, Bradley.

BRISTOL: P Greenway; J Hughes, R Knibbs, I Gauntlett, (rep S Hogg), G Williams; S Barnes, R Harding, C Phillips, D Palmer, A Sheppard, P Polledri, N Ponphrey, P Stiff, M Wyatt, M Rafter (Capt).

LONDON WELSH: P Greenway; J Hughes, R Ackerman, D Fouhy, C Rees, D Slater, R Pritchard (rep I George), T Jones, B Light, B Bradley (Capt), E Lewis, J Ross, J Collins, B Morgan (rep R John) K Bowring

Referee: A Welsby (Manchester).

Weekend rugby results

John Player Cup (Fourth round)

Blackheath	12	Bath	41
Bristol	36	London Welsh	8
Coventry	16	London Irish	7
London Scottish	34	Northampton	6
Moseley	3	Nottingham	10
Orrell	15	Wasps	15
(Wasps win on try count).			
Plymouth Alb	16	Harlequins	17
Waterloo	26	Richmond	19

Welsh Cup Quarter-finals

Ebbw Vale	7	Aberavon	16
Llanelli	15	Pontypool	15
(Llanelli win on try count).			
Neath	25	Newport	11
Newbridge	9	Cardiff	29

Club Matches

Bridgend	63	Bedford	7
roughton Park	27	Harrogate	18
Glamorgan	20	S Wales Police	27
Camborne	12	Penzance-Newlyn	13
Headingley	39	Hartlepool Rovers	6
Leicester	25	Rosslyn Park	18
Nuneaton	35	Weston-S-Mare	10
Roundhay	12	Sale	24
Saracens	19	Cambridge Univ	16
Wilmslow	6	Vale of Lune	25
Maesteg	12	Pontypridd	4
Penarth	19	Cross Keys	7

Scottish first division

Ayr	6	Kilmarnock	6
Haddington	6	Gala	26
Hawick	73	West of Scotland	3
Kelso	23	Boroughmuir	14
Melrose	19	Heriot's F.P.	10
Selkirk	10	Stewart's/Mel	21
Watsonians	24	Jed-Forest	10

NORTH: Ashton-on-Mersey 4, Winnington Park 17; Bradford and Bingley 6, Sheffield 4; Chester 8, Chester College 16; Davenport 29, Walsall 7; Fylde 18, Durham City 16; Huddersfield 4, Wharfedale 14; Kendal 19, Leeds University 6; Kersal 7, Tyldesley 9; Keswick 10, British Steel 21; Lymm 42, Southport 6; Macclesfield 12, Rochdale 6; Manchester YMCA 16, Eccles 6; Manchester University 15, Leigh 20; Morley 41, Rugby 3; Morpeth 15, West Park 6; New Brighton 8, Otley 19; Oldham 0, Heaton Moor 19; Percy Park 9, Gateshead Fell 16; Preston Grasshoppers 36, Furness 10; St Helens 7, Stourbridge 27; Sedgley Park 11, Blackburn 7; Selby 7, Keighley 6; Wigan 16, Widnes 9; Wrexham 6, Stoke 32.

KENT MERIT TABLE: Gillingham Anchorians 8, Tonbridge 4; Old Beccehamians 7, Dartfordians 6.

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Horsham 18, Eastbourne 10; Azurians 10, Uckfield 7.

TRUMAN OB MERIT TABLE: Old Ashmoleans 7, Old Bealonians 6; Old Haberdashers 3, Old Blues 28; Old Isleworthians 3, Orleans FP 13; Old Johnians 9, John Fisher 30; Old Kingsburians 36, Old Hamptonians 0; Old Reigatians 0, Old Walcountians 3.

SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Henley 18, Maidenhead 9; Marlow 29, Salisbury 14.

EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Cambridge 18, Saffron Walden 8; Thurrock 3, North Walsham 3; Southend 38, Shelford 0.

HERTS MERIT TABLE: Bishop's Stortford 10, Fullerians 7; Hemel Hempstead 3, Tabard 18; Hertford 17, Stockwood Park 9; Old Verulamians 23, Barnet 12; Welwyn 4, Harpenden 20.

Bass Merit Table: Stroud 3, Torquay 12; St Ives 51, Falmouth 3; Penryn 0, Redruth 13.

Devon Merit Table: Bideford 8, Exmouth 9; Tiverton 16, Sidmouth 10.

HANTS SENIOR MERIT TABLE: I.O.W 11, Winchester 12.

SINGAPORE: Seven-a-side tournament: Semi-finals: Gymkana Club (Sri Lanka) 12, London Stock Exchange 4; Lloyds of London 12, New Zealand Infantry Regiment (RNZIR) 16. Final: RNZIR 22 Gymkana Club 14.

SOUTH WEST: Hayle 9, Brixham 9; Launceston 26, St Austell 4; Truro 6, Newquay 20; Cinderford 6, Bridgwater 6.

School Matches: Campion 6, Dartford 6; Malvern 19, Monmouth 18; Sevenoaks 21, Emanuel 9.

Elementary for both Holmes and Cardiff

By Gerald Davies

Newbridge	**9**
Cardiff	**23**

The draw was made yesterday for the semi-finals of the Welsh Rugby Cup, sponsored by Schweppes, and the Cardiff v Llanelli final that most people had hoped for will not take place. Llanelli, who won their way through to the semi-finals by virtue of scoring the only try in a 15-15 draw with Pontypool, will face Cardiff, who had a convincing victory at Newbridge.

Neath, who had a comfortable 25-11 victory over Newport, will meet Aberavon, who beat Ebbw Vale 17-6 in a match marred by two sendings off – one from each side. The venues for the tries will be decided this evening.

At the Welfare Ground, Newbridge, yesterday there was another point of interest, apart from the cup: Terry Holmes, returning from injury after nine months.

It did not seem as if he had been away. Some palyers in similar circumstances might have spared their effort; others might have thought about running themselves in gradually. Not so Holmes. He is constantly in fourth gear, with the option, when he wishes, to move into overdrive.

Whatever he did in the early stages yesterday whether joining in Cardiff's many counter-attacks, or corner-flagging deep in defence, he did as energetically as ever. These, however, are the subtle shades of his game. Inevitably when close to the Newbridge line, he gave a more difinitive statement of his return, when twice he penetrated with masterly effect.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Holmes, McAloon (2), Adan, Cordle. Conversions: Davies (3). Penalty: Davies. Newbridge: Penalties: Turner (2), Bow.

NEWBRIDGE: W Bow; A Glasson, J Harris, P Evans (rep. I Gosling), C Philips; P Turner, L Davies; G Hewlett, J Stokes, B Cripps, R Beale (rep. A Stimpson), T Shaw, P Jones, M Short, S Griffith.

CARDIFF: B McAloon; P Adan, M Ring, A Donovan, A Hadley; G Davies, T Holmes; J Whitefoot, A Phillips, I Eidman, R Lakin, K Edwards, R Norster, T Crothers, J Scott.

Referee: M Beavan (Neath).

Thirteen tries for Hawick

By Iain Mackenzie

The scoreboard at Mansfield Park on Saturday changed faster than the one in Auckland where England were completing their cricket tour of New Zealand, as Hawick comprehensively beat West of Scotland by 73-3.

West of Scotland also suffered the indignity of having David Gray, their captain and Scottish international severely censured for stamping. Even their solitary score was a penalty goal, with the kick taken by Colin Mair, 40 metres away from the Hawick line.

Hawick displayed a series of delightful moves, often involving all seven backs. Jim Renwick, ignored by the selectors for this week's international in Dublin, was the perfect general. It was fitting that he should score a try and drop a goal.

SCORERS: Tries: K Mitchell (3), K Murray (2), G Olliver (2), and C Gass, C Deans, A Cranston, P Hogarth, A Campbell, and J Renwich. Dropped goal: J Renwick (1). Conversions: Gass (9).

Gala found the going harder at **Haddington**. Their win by 26 points to 6 was emphatic enough, but even with a try count of 4-0, Gala had a nagging feeling that a chance boost to their points total had been thrown away. Haddington have lost every league fixture so far and are certain to return to the second divison.

Ban appeal by Brixham

The decision of Devon Rugby Football Union to suspend the playing activities of the Brixham club's senior teams, though not unprecedented, is an indication of how hard administrators have to work to uphold standards which may once have been taken for granted (Devid Hands writes).

Bvrixham have appealed against the three-week ban, which is due to come into effect on Thursday and is the result of an accumulation of complaints from other Devon clubs, applying not so much to the behaviour of players but to Brixham's ability to honour fixture's and the behaviour of supporters. The punishment also extends to participation in cup and merit table games for the remainder of this season and all of next season.

It is impossible to comment on the merits of Devon's decision while the matter is still being examined by solicitors, but, as a rule, officials would not take such drastic action unless they felt completely justified.

HOCKEY

Inventive Herts win place in semi-finals

By Sydney Friskin

Hertfordshire, who have won the county championship three times, beat Cheshire 2-0 yesterday to earn their place in the semi-finals against Middlesex at Willesden on March 17. In the second semi-final at Willesden, Cambridgeshire will play Yorkshire.

Cheshire, who are usually effective on a fast and dry pitch, did not relish the heavy conditions and failed to break down the solid Hertfordshire defence in which Port, as sweeper, played a superb game. Cheshire were also handicapped by the absence of Wilkinson, their injured centre half.

However, nothing can detract from the merits of Hertfordshire's victory.

They looked more inventive in the first half, and the Cheshire stronghold nearly broke down in the 17th minute when Ashcroft in goal made a brilliant save off Swerling, who had picked up a useful pass from the left by Mobbs.

A free hit by Mobbs in the 18th minute of the second half led to Hertfordshire's first goal. It put the Cheshire defence in disarray, and Law scored from close range. A few spirited attacks by Cheshire, in which Grimley and Greene were prominent, were beaten back by Hertfordshire, who made the game safe four minutes from the end. Swerling ran down the right wing and passed into the middle for Hayward to score.

Unbeaten England take title

For the seventh year in succession, England won the international B teams tournament which ended at Old Trafford on Saturday (Joyce Whitehead writes). They beat Ireland Scotland and Wales, scoring seven goals to one in three matches.

They played well in the first half against Scotland. After Karen Brown (Surrey) opened the scoring and Mhari Napier equalized, England produced some scintillating passing and Mary Cheetham and Denise Parker made their total three. Both players followed up shots and gave the goalkeeper no chance. In the second half, play was more even, probably because the Scots backed up their forwards with greater pressure.

Against Wales, England won 3-0, after an exciting second half.

● In the annual university match, Oxford's hopes of a second win were dashed on Saturday when Katherine Horne equalized for Cambridge 10 minutes into the second half and the game was drawn 1-1. Jane Gutteridge had given Oxford a 1-0 lead at half-time.

ROWING

A watery end for Lea

By Jim Railton

The verdict on an important test piece by Oxford against The Lea Rowing Club yesterday was simply death by drowning. Oxford were scheduled to race three pieces against opponents who just came out on top against Cambridge recently. But after three minutes on the first contest Lea were shipping water and soon after retired.

Lea went out rigged to race a 2,000 metre course on still water. The first casualty sighted was Hammersmith Bridge, closed with suspending wires askew. In the first five-minute encounter Oxford under-rating were two lengths ahead in three minutes; but a five miles-an-hour head wind against the tide signalled a death knell for Lea.

Lea battled on for a second encounter over nine minutes, but a 'millionaires's' fleet of cruisers put the final nail in the coffin. Oxford on a higher rate picked their way through the wash: Lea started to drown and with their boat weighing like a coffin sensibly stopped after just over two minutes of rowing. Sadly, the piece had been ruined by ignorance of likely tideway conditions.

Set for Summer Eights

Oxford University Torpids finished on Saturday with some further exciting racing and some more long downward slides in the table, (a Special Correspondent writes).

St Catherine's and Christ Church never under pressure from behind had good solid rows but lacked the extra sparkle necessary to dislodge both Osler House and Oriel from their respective headships. Credit must, however, go to all four crews for their achievement during the week and they should all feature prominantly in the Summer Eights next term.

ORIEL: bow J Durant, A Watson, J Turner, R Ensor, T Hens, P Clarke, T Kidd, M Carnegie, cox J Dho.

OSLER HOUSE: bow H Patterson, C Lay, C Allen, C Lovat, S Jackson, S Williams, H Mardon, C Sinucane, cox K Howie.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham Bullets 125 (Assinder 32), Brighton Bears 127 (Tuz 38); Bolton 96 (Crosby 32), Solent Stars 125 (Johnson 32); Hemel Hampstead 90 (Knuckles 28), Sunderland 97 (Wearren 34); Doncaster 68 (Streater 20), Bracknell Pirates 112 (Keenaw 24); Warrington 83 (Brown 33), Kingston 97 (Hubbard 30); Crystal Palace 83 (McCray 22), Manchester Giants 77 (Robinson 26); Sunderland 111 (Wearren 28), Birmingham Bullets 98 (Saunders 51). Second division: Plymouth 96, Colchester 91; Bradford Mythbreakers 103, Merseyside Mustangs 91; Gateshead 76, Watford Royals 77; Camden 82, Calderdale Explorers 65; Nottingham 103, Watford Royals 81; Portsmouth Buccaneers 98, Colchester 113; Brunel Ducks Uxbridge 88, Gateshead 90. Women: First division: Manchester 73, Southgate 75; Colchester 57, Solent Suns 63; Northampton 66, Sandwell 47; Nottingham 73, Brighton Wasps 40.

VARSITY: Men and women: Oxford 94, Cambridge 72.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Friday: Los Angeles Lakers 116, Boston Celtics 108; Portland Trail Blazers 119, Philadelphia 76ers 114; Atlanta Hawks 105, New York Knicks 104; Milwaukee Bucks 95, Dallas Mavericks 88; Indiana Pacers 108, Detroit Pistons 100; Washington Bullets 102, Chicago Bulls 98; Denver Nuggets 117, Phoenix Suns 100; Seattle Supersonics 112, Utah Jazz 81. Saturday: New Jersey Nets 117, New York Knicks 104; Atlanta Hawks 122, Chicago Bulls 87; Cleveland Cavaliers 94, Washington Bullets 83; Milwaukee Bucks 130, San Antonio Spurs 119; Golden State Warriors 118, Houston Rickets 112; Denvor Nugg 148, Kansas City Kings 13; Dallas Mavericks 97, Utah Jazz 95.

CROSS-COUNTRY

IRVINE: Scottish senior championships: 1, N Muir (Shettleston Harriers), 38min 19sec; 2, A Hutton (Edinburgh Southern Harriers), 39.02; 3, F Clyne (Aberdeen AAC), 39.18. Teams: 1, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 111pts; 2, Cambuslang Harriers, 194; 3, Falkirk Harriers, 222.

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Spencer 0, Beckenham 1. League: Bromley 0, Hampstead 0; Dulwich 1, Guildford 0; Maidenhead 0, Blackheath 3; Mid-Surrey 2, Hawks 2; Old Kingstonians 1, Reading 0; Purley 2, Oxford University 1; St Albans 4, Surbiton 2; Slough 4, Cheam 0; Tulse Hill 4, London University 1; Wimbledon 1, Teddington 1.

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 0, Ipswich 2; Blueharts 1, Harleston Magpies 0; Broxbourne 2, Long Sutton 0; Cambridge City 1, Norwich Grasshoppers 1; Fords 0, Old Loughtonians 3; Norfolk Wanderers 2, Bishop's Stortford 1; Pelicans 0, Chelmsford 0; Westcliff 1, St Neots 1.

SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 1, Lyons 1; Anchorians 1, Canterbury 1; Chichester 1, Walton 1; East Grinstead 3, Trojans 0; Fareham 2, Bognor 0; Folkestone 1, Eastcote 0; Indian Gymkhana 1, Oxford Hawks 0; Met Police 2, Camberley 3.

Hampshire/Surrey: Andover 2, Portsmouth & Southsea 0; Barnes 1, Havant 0; Hamble Old Boys 3, Woking 2; Merton 2, Wallington 0; Nat West Bank 0, Bournemouth & West Hants 1; Old Tauntonians 3, US Portsmouth 1. Kent/Sussex: Brighton 2, Sevenoaks 1; Eastbourne 3, Old Beccehamians 0; Gore Court 1, South Saxons 3; Herne Bay 0, Marden Russets 4; Lewes 3, Gravesend 1; Lloyd Bank 2, Old Williamsonians 0; Thames Polytechnic 2, Tunbridge Wells 0; Worthing 3, Maidstone 2. Middlesex, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Aylesbury 2, Reading University 1; Banbury 1, Polytechnic 0; City of Oxford 2, Tilehurst 1; Etessa 4, High Wycombe 0; Hayes 1, Sunbury 1; Hendon 1, Bracknell 1; Marlow 3, Staines 0; Richings Park 0, British Airways 0.

REPRESENTAIVE MATCHES: Army 2, Brooklands 3; RAF 1, Hounslow 3; Royal Navy 2, Bowdon 1.

OTHER MATCH: southgate 2, Richmond 1.

WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Isca 1, Exeter University 0; PGSOB 0, Taunton Vale 3; Plymouth 2, Firebrands 2: (Isca win championship).

SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff, Whitchurch 0; Penarth 1, Cwmbran 0; Newport 0, Swansea 1; University College, Cardiff 1, Llanishen 2.

WOMEN: Home Countries 'B' team championship: Scotland 1, England 3; Ireland 1, Wales 1; England 3, Wales 0; Scotland 0, Ireland 2.

VOLLEYBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Saturday: Spark ISI 3, Speedwell Rucanor 2; Capital City Spikers 3, Bemi 2; Liverpool 3, Leeds AI Targa 1; Brookfield 3, RAF Harriers 2; Sunday: Spark ISI 3, Bemi 0; Capital City Spikers 3, Speedwell Rucanor 1; Brookfield 2, Leeds AI Targa 3; Waymouth Rembrandt 0, Polonia 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Dundee Kirkton 3, Falkirk 2; Volvo Trucks 3, Airdrie 0; DV'81 3, Team TAK 1; Murray International Metals 3, Bellshill Cardinals 0; Paisley 3, Whitburn 2. Women: First division: Whitburn 0, Kyle 3; West Coast Women 3, Larbert HSFP's 1; Inverclyde 3, Telford Tigers 1; Carluke 3, Sports Conscious DCPE 1; Auchentoshan 0, Telford 3.

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Ashton 5, Cheadle 20; Old Hulmeians 13, Timperley 7; Old Stopfordians 10, Mellor 13; Sale 13, Sheffield University 9; South Manchester & Wythenshawe 11, Urmston 16; Stockport 15, Old Waconians 6.

GOLF

HONG KONG: Open tournament: Leading final scores: 268: W Brask (US), 66, 64, 68, 70; 275: G Norman (Aus), 71, 70, 69, 65; 278: M McLean (GB), 68, 68, 71, 71, R Lavares (Phil), 71, 68, 67, 72, M James (GB), 68, 66, 72, 72; 279: K Cox (US), 67, 73, 69, 70; 281: O Moore (Aus), 65, 74, 73, 69, Choi Yoon Soon (S Kor), 69, 72, 69, 71, A Russell (US), 68, 70, 69, 74. Other British and Irish scores: 286: E Darcy (Ire), 73, 71, 69, 73, M King, 72, 70, 71, 73; R Rafferty, 73, 68, 69, 76; 289: B Waites, 68, 69, 72, 80; 292: S Torrance, 75, 71, 75, 71, 294: P Way, 74, 70, 73, 77; 305: J Carr (Ire), 74, 73, 80, 78.

PRETORIA: Sunshine tournament: Leading final scores (SA unless stated): 271: D Feherty (GB), 67, 69, 66, 69. 272: N Price, 66, 67, 72, 67; G Levenson, 65, 69, 65, 72. 273: J Bland, 67, 71, 68, 67; S Hobday, 66, 67, 70, 70, 274: A Johnstone (Zim), 69, 67, 70, 68. 275: P Simmons, 65, 71, 71, 68; D Sann (US), 68, 69, 68, 70. 276: J Hawkes, 70, 68, 70, 68; H Baiocchi, 67, 71, 69, 69. 277: T Claasens, 70, 67, 70, 70. 279: F Edmonds (Can), 67, 70, 65, 77. Other British scores: 283: W Humphreys, 67, 70, 74, 72; G Brand Jnr, 71, 71, 68, 71; C Moody, 68, 69, 71, 75. 288: A Oldcorn, 71, 70, 73, 72; G Turner, 68, 72, 73, 73. 287: I Mosey, 76, 68, 72, 71. 288: N Godin, 71, 72, 76, 70; S Bennett, 68, 74, 74, 73. 291: M Thomas, 71, 73, 73, 74. 292: T O'Nion, 69, 75, 74, 74. 295: A Sutcliffe, 73, 70, 76, 76.

SNOOKER

PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE: D Taylor (NI) bt W Werveniuk (Can).

RACING: CONFUSION SURROUNDS IRELAND'S NEW FAVOURITE FOR TRIUMPH HURDLE

Brothers may steal Festival show

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Mercy Rimell's chance of winning Cheltenham's two most important races for hurdlers, the Champion Hurdle and the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle, with those two talented brothers, Gaye Brief and Gaye Chance, took a turn for the better at Kempton Park on Saturday when Gaye Chance reestablished himself and won the Reedlesham Hurdle.

Admittedly he was receiving 4lb from Crimson Embers but there was no doubting who was the master and Esals may well live to regret their decision to open an ante-post book on the Cheltenham marathon and offer as much as 10-1 against Gaye Chance winning it.

Apparently they came for that price like trout for the mayfly leaving 6-1 the best price on offer at the end of the day Gaye Chance is clearly happier hurdling than he is steeplechasing.

"I am not riding anywhere on Monday but I will be at Plumton on Tuesday and I will ride my 1,000th winner on Dancing Sovereig there", were John Francome's confident words after he had failed to reach that mileston on Palmyra-Court in the last race. The great jockey had taken his career total to 999 by winning the Galloway Braes Novices Steeplechase on Mossy Moore, whose jumping was a revelation.

Earlier Francome had also won the Food Brokers Kinder Surprise Novices Hurdle on I Haventalight, who succeeded in spite of not looking at all at ease on the ground which had dried out and was officially described as good to firm.

Mark Perrett, who was on the wrong end of an extremely painful kick when falling with King Ba Ba, was not fit to ride Son Of A Gunner in the Tote Placepot Hurdle so Stan Mellor withdrew the colt. Later he told the stewards that Son Of A Gunner took a bit of knowing and that he could not find a suitable substitute. The stewards accepted that explanation, which seemed surprising bearing in mind that jockeys of the calibre of Colin Brown, Anthony Webber, Paul Barton, Stuart Shilston and Steve Knight were available.

Son Of A Gunner's withdrawal made the task of the Irish Challenger, Clarin Bridge easier, although he was all out in the end to beat Amrullah by a length. Clarin Bridge is owned by Patrick Barrett, who also owned that good filly Condessa, who was perhaps the first to put Jim Bolger, their astute trainer, on the map. If Bolger agrees, Clarin Bridge will run again in the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock next Saturday.

As far as the Triumph Hurdle is concerned a fair amount of confusion now reigns after the promotion of See You Then to favouritism at 7-1

See You Then was bought three weeks ago by Nicky Henderson for a considerable amount of money considering that he is a gelding on behalf of the Stype Wood Stud Ltd which has Italian connections. Originally the plan was for See You Then to run on Saturday, come to England tomorrow, and then depart along with Linawn, a member of Henderson's string for Italy on Thursday

That may still happen. On the other hand See You Then may stay with Con Collins in Ireland and be trained for the Triumph Hurdle by him or if Henderson gets his way will come over to England and be trained by him for the Triumph.

Henderson was more certain of plans for his mother-in-law's good hunter, Spartan Missile, though. After that morale boosting win at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday he will return to the course in 12 days' time. Then, if all goes well, he will go to Cheltenham for the Foxhunter's Chase after which a decision will be reached regarding the Grand National.

Finally, Michael Dickinson confirmed yesterday that Bregawn, the winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup last year, will attempt to redeem himself at Hereford on Saturday



Dialling 999: Francome and Mossy Moore (right) take the last alongside River Rhein before drawing clear on the run-in (Photograph: George Selwyn)

Kalaminsky camp confident of revenge

A new favourite for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham emerged at Punchestown on Saturday when See You Then retained his unbeaten record in the Jack, Peter and Paul Doyle Hurdle (Our Irish Correspondent writes).

See You Then, a son of Royal Palace, had won his last four starts on the flat and also his first race over hurdles. Tommy Carmody had Saturday's race in safe keeping a long way from home and he cantered past the post two lengths ahead of Kalaminsky.

It is quite on the cards that the first two places at Cheltenham will be held by these two Irish trained four-year-olds, for whereas See You Then has the better claim on public form, it was a highly creditable first effort on the part of Kalaminsky to finish second. Michael Connolly, his trainer, is adamant that the placings will be reversed when they meet as he reported that Kalaminsky had been held up in his preparation, being confined to his stable for almost three weeks.

Edward O'Grady completed a treble with Mr Donovan, Drumlargan and Polar Bear. Drumlargan, who carried top weight of 12st to a clever threequarters-of-a-lenght win over Yer Man in the Ladbroke National Trial Handicap Chase, and his Cheltenham Gold Cup odds cut from 25-1 to 16-1. O'Grady is hopeful that he will reach the first three.

Michael Cunningham had a double, although only one leg of it produced a cash dividend. His Straight Air galloped home a six-length winner of the Fournoughts Hurdle and now goes for the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Cunningham's other "winner", For Auction, is a definite challenger for the Champion Hurdle after narrowly beating Daring Run and 30 other horses in a post-racing schooling hurdle.

Rupertino to foil National hope

By Michael Phillips

Permabos must have a sound chance of winning the Balmoral Hurdle at Doncaster today, especially if he runs anywhere near as well as he did at Ascot in Novemver when he finished third behind Dawn Run and Amarach in the VAT Watkins Hurdle.

Rushmoor, my idea of the winner of the Princess Royal Hurdle, ran far better than his final position suggested at Sandown ealier this month in the race won by Hiz and he will strip all the better for that race.

Solihull Sport, an entry for this year's Grand National, runs in the High Melton Handicap Chase, which Corbiere won a year ago on his way to Liverpool. However, the distance may not be far enough nor the ground soft enough for Solihull Sport and I prefer Rupertino, who ran so well against that much improved jumper, Fred Pilliner, at Nottingham recently.

Today's programme at Leicester is compiled of amateur riders. Six of the seven races are for hunters and the seventh for handicappers ridden by amateurs.

Swiftwood's victory at Doncaster on Saturday must be taken as a pointer to Lakin's chance of winning the Sturgess of Leicester Land Rover Hunters Chase. At Fakenham earlier this month Lakin beat Swiftwood by half a dozen lengths, yet on Saturday Swiftwood was able to cope with that crack point to pointer, John Bunyon, not to mention Connaught Ranger and Gill O'Whiskey.

Lakin will be ridden as usual by Simon Sherwood whose better known brother Oliver should also steal some of the limelight riding Prayukata in the Thurster's Hunters Chase. Prayukta was a talented two miler before it was edcided to hunt him and he should be capable of outclassing this opposition.

TOMORROW'S ADVANCE GOING: Plumpton: soft. Kelso: good to soft.

Doncaster

GOING: hurdles, good; chases, good to firm.

Tote: Double 3.0.4.0 Treble 2.30, 3.30, 4.30

2.0 ARNDALE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£1,203: 2m 4f) (19 runners)

1	0P33F0-	REGENT'S GARDEN (C) (J Carden) S Andrews 12-12-1	MR J Carden
3	100-030	IMPUS (D) (R Robinson) R Robinson 11-11-8	M Pepper 4
4	0F-PF00	COOLERIN BOY (D) (A Gregory) D Wintle 9-11-6	A Carroll
6	00-3FP0	HERIOT (CD) (A Iles) F Pnday 12-11-5	G Jones
7	0-3P010	HOT TOMATO (R Thompson) Miss K Thompson 12-11-5	P Scudamore
8	403-441	ABIATA (D Davies) P Ransom 12-11-3	S Smith Eccles
11	04P3PP	BOWSHOT (J Devey) R Perkins 10-11-1	R Crank
12	302/P	SILVER WAY (P Calver) P Calver 9-10-3	C Grant
14	1-03320	GRANDOGAN (D) (BF) (E Houlihan) J Fitzgerald 9-10-8	M Dwyer
15	F3/0-PU	WHITGEE (B) (M Dickinson) M Dickinson 11-10-8	C McCourt
18	13001F	RIVER WARRIOR (D,BF) (J Bradley) J Bradley 6-10-5	J Williams
19	0042-40	GOLDLINER ABBEY (T Edmonds) J Hardy 6-10-3	G Davies
21	033034	FOREST LODGE (B) (D Robinson) J Perrett 9-10-3	S Johnson
22	F010F0	VERY FRIENDLY (D) (Devilles Ltd) P Bevan 8-10-3	D Chinn 7
25	0-P000F	WILTON BEACON (B Ingamells) J L Harris 8-10-3	T Wall
27	P-0	GENERAL DISASTER (B) (D Astbury) R E Peacock 11-10-0	S J O'Neill
29	4040P/	REASONABLE CHOICE (D Quantrill) B Morgan 11-10-0	–
30	UF0P-02	COLD VIEW (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 8-10-0	G Newman

1983: Learn Lord 7-10-10 G Bradley (8-1) O Brennan, 20 ran.

5-2 River Warrior, 3 Abiata, 7-2 Grandogan 6 Cold View, 8 Hot Tomato, 10 Forest Lodge.

2.30 BALMORAL HURDLE (£1,601: 2m) (5)

2	200P00	GAINSAY (M Silver) D Nicholson 5-11-11	P Scudamore
4	11/1320-	PETER THE BUTCHER (D) (P Caselli) Mrs M Nesbitt 7-11-11	M Pepper 4
5	21/	DEVIL TO PLAY (Mrs P Beeston) J P Smith 8-11-8	T Wall
7	32D334	PERMABOS (CD) (M Walker) K Stone 5-11-8	A Brown
9	0-0114P	SOUND OF LAUGHTER (D) (Mrs P Burgess) J Blundell 6-11-3	D Dutton

1983: Lettoch 6-11-11 C Pimlott (7-4 fav) M W Dickinson, 9 ran.

4-7 Permabos, 4 Peter The Butcher, 6 Gainsay, 10 Devil To Play, 12 Sound of Laughter

3.0 HIGH MELTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,337: 3m 2f) (12)

3	233132	RUPERTINO (Ld Kenyon) E H Owen Jun 9-11-9	R Stronge 4
5	202FP-P	PILOT OFFICER (CD) (R Padmore) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-2	Mr A Sharpe
6	111210	BARRYSVILLE (Andrew Baird Tennis Courts) P O'Connor	N Madden
8	31-3FF0	CANTON (D) (S Green) N Crump 10-10-11	D Wilkinson
9	P-4310F	SOLIHULL SPORT (D) (Solihull Sports) J L Spearing 10-10-7	S Morshead
10	P-34124	ARTIMARVAL (R Beeson) J Blundell 11-10-7	D Dutton
12	11110P	HOLBORN HEAD (D) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 8-10-5	R Lamb
13	20-F113	NOON GUN (Ld Hartington) D Morley 6-10-3	–
14	131F3P	LUCKY CALL (B Brooks) D Nicholson 10-10-1	P Scudamore
15	33304P	SALKELD (CD) (Ld Zetland) N Crump 12-10-0	C Hawkins
16	00RP03	AUKLAND JACK (Mrs D Plunkett) R Armytage 10-10-0	A Webber
17	33P00-P	THE HEENAN KID (P Pillar) W A Stephenson 11-10-0	K Jones

1983: Corbiere 8-11-7 B de Haan (11-2) Mrs J Pitman, 10 ran.

7-2 Noon Gun, 4 Pilot Officer, 9-2 Rupertino, 6 Canton, 7 Holborn Head, 8 Lucky Call.

3.30 PRINCESS ROYAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.603: 2m 150yd) (7)

2	020/P-P3	HOLEMOOR STAR (CD) (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 7-11-8	M O'Halloran
3	0430P-0	RUSHMOOR (B) CD) (Jim Ennis Construction) R Peacock 6-11-3	P Scudamore
9	010P43	SELBORNE RECORD (Selborne Engineering) C H Bell 6-10-4	P Dever 4
11	0212-40	CRACKHILL (A Suddes) Miss S Hall 5-10-0	S Youlden 7
12	21F-041	WESTWAY LAD (Mrs M Isherwood) M Hinchcliffe 5-10-0	M Richards 4
14	431032	KELSEY LADY (B) (F Chapman) M Lambert 6-10-0	D Dutton
16	02/010-	CAVALIER SERVENTE (CD) (R Beardsworth) P Wigham 6-10-0	R Earnshaw

1983: Cardinal Flower 6-10-12 G Bradley (14-1) A Scott, 16 ran.

7-4 Holemoor Star, 4 Westway Lad, 5 Crackhill, 6 Cavalier Servente, 8 Kelsey Lady.

4.0 FEVERSHAM NOVICES' CHASE (£1,635: 3m 122yd) (19)

5	34133P	KEEP A PROMISE (G A Fardon Eng) J Wilson 6-11-5	M Dwyer
7	100-14F	PLANETMAN (Mrs J Lane) M W Dickinson 7-11-5	R Earnshaw
8	31F22U	PREMIER CHARLIE (J Lipscomb) P W Harris 6-11-5	A Webber
11	f042	HOPEFUL SAINT (BF) (R Haggas) M W Dickinson 6-11-0	–
13	0P0/0F0	ASH ROYAL (R McDonald) R McDonald 7-11-0	K Jones
14	40222-Bv	COBBLERS CASTLE (Mrs D Wigan) J Gifford 8-11-0	R Rowe
16	003-B00	EMMASON (G Barley) J Spearing 9-11-0	S Morshead
19		KIDETRA (J Blundell) J Blundell 8-11-0	D Dutton
21	P44/0-B2	LAW VENTURE (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 10-11-0	M Bastard
23	04P04-P	MR DRAM (Mrs J Conway) E Alston 11-11-0	Mrs J Conway
24	PUF0-3F	OAK RIDGE BOY (Mrs J Simpson 9-11-0	–
25	23-01P4	PETROCELLI (P Halsall) R Juckes 8-11-0	Mr G Williams 7
27	2034B2	SIR GORDON (D Sanger) D Nicholson 7-11-0	P Scudamore
28	20020U	SLOANE STREET (J Dooler) J Dooler 7-11-0	D Oldham
29	P0	SPRING CAMP (Miss M Furness) R Tate 6-11-0	–
30	230203	SUCCEEDED (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-11-0	Mr P J Dun 7
31	2F-3UP0	SUPREME BID (Ld Cadogan) N Crump 7-11-0	C Hawkins
35	00/00P	ANOTHER MOLLY (Mrs C Dook) J Blundell 7-10-9	–
40	00F	JUED LADD (E Murtagah) A Potts 5-10-7	–

1983: Big Bryma 7-11-10 A Stringer (11-4) R Woodhouse, 12 ran.

9-4 Planetman, 7-2 Premier Charlie, 9-2 Keep A Promise, 6 Law Venture.

4.30 ASKERN MAIN NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £613: 2m 4f) (14)

4	3-01302	SWEET DIANA (D Armitage) J Blundell 5-11-6	D Dutton
5	000021	TIC-ON-ROSE (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 7-11-6	J Williams
7	00	BEAM OF LIGHT (R Bethell) R Bethell 7-11-4	A Dickman
9	0	CROWLAND BRIG (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 5-11-4	M Bastard
11	PP0FF-0	ELLERBY JOE (P Wills) C Miller 9-11-4	J Burke
13	F	FLUID (H Collins) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-4	S Morshead
16	000000	PRIDE OF TULLOW (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-4	R Lamb
19	30-432P	WORK MATE (Mrs I Stewart-Brown) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-11-4	S Smith Eccles
20	0	EVENTIME (Capt J Gill) Mrs J Barrow 6-10-13	J Suthern
21	0	MADAME GRISETTE (W Jones) P Bevan 9-10-13	T Wall
23	01	FEALTY (D) (KP Brookshaw 4-10-12	S J O'Neill
27	00032	RARE DANCER (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 4-10-5	M O'Halloran
28	300	SWING TO ME (Gwent Steel Ltd) J Bradley 4-10-5	G Davies
29	004	WOJO (B,BF) (J Medler) M Ryan 4-10-5	J McGlaughlin 4

1983: Speedy Bee 5-11-5 J Francome (10-1) P W Harris, 22 ran.

9-4 Rare Dancer, 11-4 Work Mate, 4 Fealty, 6 Sweet Diana, 8 Tic-On-Rose.

5.0 ASKERN MAIN NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £630: 2m 4f) (22)

3	00	BLIND BURN (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 7-11-4	Mr T Easterby
6	00400	KRYPTON (V Burke) J Wilson 6-11-4	M Dwyer
7	0-0000	LORD OF THE HILLS (Mrs E Dixon) D Lee 5-11-4	M Pepper 4
8	000/2P0	MOBILE (Mrs R Hutton) C Booth 7-11-4	M Hoad 7
9	44400	NIGHT PEARL (E Stockdale) A Smith 5-11-4	P A Farrell 7
11	0020	PROUD AND POOR (Mrs A Easterby) M W Easterby 5-11-4	A Dickman
13	0000	RED DAVID (Mrs G Walford) T Walford 6-11-4	Mr T Walford
16	2200	SAM DA VINCI (J Wilson) J Blundell 5-11-4	D Dutton
19	0/P-F	SAUCY TARTAN (G Pickering) P Wigham 6-11-4	P Caldwell 7
20	P34	STEEL YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford	R Rowe
23	2-04	THE NEXT NIGHT (A F Budge Ltd) J Fitzgerald 6-11-4	R O'Leary
24	0000	THE RIDINGS (H Whitton) R Tate 5-11-4	–
25	0-	TULLMAX (J Mullin) P O'Connor 6-11-4	N Madden
26	0	VIVARIO (J Barratt-Atkin) G Harman 7-11-4	–
27	U	WALTON'S PARADE (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton	J Barry
29		WILLY WITEFOOT ESQ (F Lee) F Lee 5-11-4	–
31	004/0-40	DUNSINANE (R McDonald) 6-10-13	K Jones
34	0	ABANDONED WARRIOR (Mrs M Saville-Deane) Mrs C Postlethwaite 4-10-5	P A Charlton
35	00	BIRDSEDGE (Mrs P Woodfield) J Bradley 4-10-5	G Davies
36	00P	HARVEST FORTUNE (Mrs P O'Neill) H Collingridge 4-10-5	B Hutchinson
37	000	PINK PANTHER (Sir G Glover) R Hollinshead 4-10-5	C Carcary 7
38		QUIBISHAN (S/Ldr B Somerfield) N Callaghan 4-10-5	S McNeill

1983: Boardmans Value 5-11-5 R Earnshaw (9-4 fav) M W Dickinson, 21 ran.

2 The Next Night, 100-30 Steel Yeoman, 9-2 Sam Da Vinci, 6 Proud and Poor, 8 Birdsedge.

Doncaster selections

By Michael Phillips

2.0 Grandogan. 2.30 Permabos. 3.0 Rupertino. 3.30 Rushmoor. 4.0 Planetman. 4.30 Fealty. 5.0 Steel Yeoman.

Leicester

GOING: good to soft

1.45 GARTHORP MAIDEN HUNTERS' CHASE (Div I: amateurs: £475: 3m) (15 runners)

5	p/p0-pp	DEEP TARTAN (C Clarke) C Clarke 11-12-7	C Clarke 7
6		ELMBOY (W Mawle) W Mawle 6-12-7	A Hill 7
8	340-4p	FOUR OF A KIND (J Bukovets) J Bukovets 8-12-7	A J Wilson
9	fu/4-	FURIMIST (R Bartlett) R Bartlett 10-12-7	S Hart 7
10		GAMEL'S PATH (R Case) R Case 10-12-7	T Moore 7
12	pl/0pp	GLENBOWER WOOD (Miss J Peters) Miss J Peters 10-12-7	–
14	0f0040	GO DEO DEO (W Raw) W Raw 10-12-7	J Raw 7
15	200f/p-	HAMPTON WICK (M Allen) M Allen 8-12-7	Mrs L Gibbon
18	000p00-	JUMPING BEAN (G Vergette) G Vergette 8-12-7	G Vergette 7
20	p043/p-	KINGS FORT (D Gill) D Gill 8-12-7	D Cantillon 7
21	0-f	LUCKY VINTAGE (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 7-12-7	J Pritchard
26	0030/p	SACRED HAL (Mrs O Fowler J Fowler 8-12-7	A Fowler 7
27	00/	SWANLY (Mrs R Matheson) Mrs R Matheson 9-12-7	–
30	0340/fp	THIRTY MILES (Miss W Hooson) Miss W Hooson 11-12-7	T Garton 7
35	0	THREE CHANCES (M Perry) R Champion 5-12-0	Mrs J Carner 4

1983: Rugy 7-12-0 Miss C Saunders (5-2) R Weaving, 18 ran.

11-10 Elmboy, 7-2 Three Chances, 5 Lucky Vintage, 8 Go Deo Deo, Hampton Wick.

2.15 THRUSTERS HUNTERS' CHASE (amatuers: £725: 2m) (19)

1	000/3-0	BALLYMADDER (D) (C Spate) C Spate 11-12-5	H Phipps 7
2	3233/1-	PRAYUKTA (D) (Mrs I Macaulay) F Winter 9-12-5	O Sherwood
3	0/220-p	SALDATORE (D) (J M Turner) J Turner 7-12-5	D Turner 4
4	0344-02	SIOBHAN'S JOY (B) (D) (Mrs C Janaway) Mrs C Janaway 9-12-5	G Maundrell
5	230324-	LISADORN (R Crowley) R Crowley 7-12-2	R Crowley 7
6	/34p0p-	LOANAN (D) (S Wilshire) S Wilshire 8-12-2	D Cantillon 7
7		WELSH TREATY (G Ford) G Ford 12-12-2	A Danson 7
8	1u040f	OLD MILL LADY (J Swiers) J Swiers 9-11-11	J Swiers 7
9	0/p-	ALEXANDER NEVSKY (Mrs A Villar) Mrs A Villar 6-11-10	S Sherwood
10	3100u0-	CAROLINIAN (P J Jones) P Jones 11-11-10	P Jones 7
11	p2fp-p	COUNTERLONE (J Docker) J Docker 10-11-10	–
12	0002bp/	DAVID MICHAEL (R Grimes) R Grimes 12-11-10	–
14	4f000-p	MCSWEENEY (A Barefoot) A Barefoot 7-11-10	R Crawford 7
15	14pp-	MISTY CHIME (CD) (Mrs L Roberts) Mrs L Roberts 9-11-10	Mrs R Vickery 7
16		PALM PRINCE (N Gidney) N Gidney 7-11-10	–
17	p24/40-	POINT ONE (Mrs W Brown) Mrs W Brown 10-11-10	S Cowley 7
18	0-p4p0p	RENREBO (F Baxter) F Baxter 7-11-10	J Llewellyn 7
19	4pf0p0/	SPANCIL HILL (P Clarke) P Clarke 11-11-10	P Clarke 7
20	u-p00b0	UNCLE NEWBY (E Wells) E Wells 12-11-10	M Derby 7

1983: Misty Chime 8-11-3 Mrs R Vickery (3-1) Mrs L Jephson, 13 ran.

4-5 Prayukta, 4 Lisadorn, 11-2 Siobhan's Joy, 10 Misty Chime, 16 Loanan, Saldatore.

2.45 STURGESS HUNTERS' CHASE (amateurs: £1,727: 3m) (10)

1	341f-p0	LEONSTAR (W Powell) W Powell 9-12-3	T Bowen 7
2	ff104-3	BALLET MASTER (D) (Mrs J Hodgkiss) Mrs J Hodgkiss 11-12-0	T Jackson 7
3	/20f-21	LAKIN (Mrs A Villar) Mrs A Villar 7-12-0	S Sherwood
4	4020b1-	RUSHBURY (Lt-Col C Sidgwick) C Sidgwick 9-12-0	Capt G Preat 7
6	131303-	YOUGHAL (BF) (J Greenhall) W A Stephenson 8-11-12	J Greenall 7
8	1	ANSURO (Miss R Scholey) Miss R Scholey 7-11-7	R J Beggan 4
12	003210/	MAURITIUS (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 12-11-7	H Ponsonby
13	4/030f-	MELLIS (J Wales) J Wales 9-11-7	W Wales 7
15	20f433/	SUN LION (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 14-11-7	C Bealby 7
17	3u042-4	WELLANDS COPSE (CD) (C Nash) C Nash 11-11-7	C Pilgrim 7

1983: Yorkshire Mariner 10-11-13 M Dawson (4-5 fav) C Dawson, 12 ran.

10-11 Lakin, 3 Ansuro, 6 Youghal, 10 Ballet Master, 14 Wellands Copse, 16 Leonstar.

3.15 LEICESTERSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (amateurs: £1,322: 2m 4f) (8)

2	/001p0-	BUECHE GIOROD (CD) (Mrs J Pitman) Mrs J Pitman 13-11-7	Miss A Harvey
3	112302	POYNTZ PASS (D) (BF) (T Harty) P O'Connor 8-11-4	A Fowler
5	211-240	LONDOLOZI (W Johnson) M W Dickinson 7-10-12	R J Beggan 4
8	1/403-0	KILLER SHARK (D) (Ld Cadogan) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-10-7	S Sherwood
9	f-00000	PAY FREEZE (Mrs C Watson) S May 8-10-7	G Watson
10	42-4320	NICKLE MOPPETT (P Drasher) J Webber 7-10-7	G Marnagh 7
13	4p-4/4b	GOLDENOGAN (J Hyde) R Armytage 9-10-7	M Armytage 7
15	p40-p0p	MASTER MELODY (D) (W Hackett) W Hackett 13-10-7	–

1983: Herr Captain 7-10-4 E Whottam (8-1) J Old, 10 ran.

7-4 Poyntz Pass, 11-4 Londolozi, 9-2 Nickle Moppett, 13-2 Killer Shark, 10 Goldenogan.

3.45 MELTON CLUB HUNTERS' CHASE (amatuers: £960: 2m 4f) (13)

2		BEDWELL SOVEREIGN (J Wales) J Wales 10-11-10	W Wales 7
3	34200-u	BOBBY'S FOX (C) (P Mann) P Mann 11-11-10	M Mann 7
5		DARZEE'S STORY (Mrs G Cookson) Mrs G Cookson 8-11-10	–
6	0002bp/	DAVID MICHAEL (R Grimes) R Grimes 12-11-10	–
9	/0p334-	JUST LIKE THAT (M Trusler) M Trusler 12-11-10	Miss S Belcher 7
12	002012/	LONE SOLDIER (J Docker) J Docker 12-11-10	P Greenall
13	0pp/2	MAJOR DAY (Mrs W Brown) Mrs W Brown 7-11-10	S Brookshaw 7
14	/0ppul-	MASTER BEAU (D Bell) D Bell 9-11-10	G Marnagh 7
15	12u00-	MR MOLE (Mrs S Gill) Mrs S Gill 9-11-10	J McKie 4
16	0f-ff	NIGHT ATTACK (Mrs F Burgess) Mrs F Burgess 8-11-10	Mrs C Elliott 7
17	3p/p42-	PARC-AN-VELVES (Mrs T Kinsey) Mrs T Kinsey 11-11-10	S Crank 7
18	3f3fp-p	RUGY (C) (R Weaving) R Weaving 8-11-10	Miss C Saunders 7
21	2/213-	GAME TRUST (D) (C Nash) C Nash 8-11-5	M Armytage 7

1983: Kentigern 7-11-8 Miss A Dare (7-4) Mrs J Bainbridge, 11 ran.

9-4 Game Trust, 100-30 Rugy, 5 Parc-An-Velves, 13-2 Mr Mole, Bobby's Fox, 12 Lone Soldier, 14 Major Day, 20 others.

4.15 GARTHORPE MAIDEN HUNTERS' CHASE (Div II: amateurs: £550: 3m) (23)

1	p	ANDYRAMA (R C Price) R Price 9-12-7	M Richards 7
2	0-0	ANGERMAN (R Philips) R Philips 8-12-7	S Brookshaw 7
3	f/322-2	ANOTHER SIMON (Mrs A Garton) A Garton 10-12-7	T Garton 7
4	ppp0-p0	BALLYGARVEY (J Howell) J Howell 11-12-7	D Yates 7
5	2-0	BROTHER JACK (Mrs J Bealby) Mrs J Bealby 8-12-7	A Bealby 7
7		DICKY BLOB (J Nicholls) J Nicholls 9-12-7	–
8	00/4	DOUBLE EARNING (R Roberts) R Roberts 9-12-7	Miss H Roberts 7
9	224304/	EASTER EXPRESS (B Munro-Wilson) B Munro-Wilson 11-12-7	B Munron-Wilson
11	0/	GENERAL RULE (O Baughan-Jones) O Vaughan-Jones 7-12-7	O Vaughan-Jones 7
12	0-p000f	GUIENNE (Elisabeth Lady G Cummings) Mrs J Barrow 8-12-7	Mrs J Barrow 7
14	4/0-3	JIMMY LAD (T Marks) T Marks 10-12-7	J Sharp 4
15		MILLSTREAM (E Farr) E Farr 8-12-7	–
17	p0-	PATRICKSWELL (Mrs A Villar 8-12-7	S Sherwood
18	0/033-	PENNINE PADDY (S Bullard) S Bullard 10-12-7	S Bullard 7
19	00pp14	ROMULEX (BF) (Mrs J Bambridge) Mrs J Bambridge 6-12-7	Miss A Dare 7
21	000/0f-	TAKE FLIGHT (D Pardy) C Jackson 10-12-7	T Jackson 7
22		TIMARK (S Stokes) S Stokes 8-12-7	–
23		TUG (D Surman) D Surman 8-12-7	C King 4
24	020p-	UNBEATABLE HAND (D Bell) D Bell 8-12-7	G Marnagh 7
25	f	VULRORY'S CLOWN (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 6-12-7	Mr R Brotherton
26	000000/	WARRIOR BOLD (J Crust) J Crust 7-12-7	Miss
27	0p/pp0-	YELLOW COLL (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 11-12-7	Miss C Reynolds 7
28		ALPINE ORCHID (J Summer) J Summer 9-12-2	–

1983: Ross Poldark 12-12-7 L Balding (8-13 fav) I Balding, 20 ran.

11-4 Romulex, 7-2 Another Simon, 5 Jimmy Lad, 13-2 Double Earning, Take Flight, 10 Easter Express, 14 Alpine Orchid, 18 Pennine Paddy, 20 others.

4.45 GARTHORPE MAIDEN HUNTERS' CHASE (Div II: part 2: amateurs: £471: 3m) (14)

1	puf0u-4	BANK LAW (F Richards) F Richards 8-12-7	A Tutton 7
2		BORDER BURG (J Delahooke) J Delahooke 7-12-7	P Greenall
7	230f-0	FALSE BAY (J Heler) J Heler 9-12-7	S Brookshaw 7
11	00000/	GAY GAZEBO (Exors of late Mrs H Banks) M Banks 7-12-7	S Andrews 4
13	00p-3	GLEN-LOOK (R Brown) R Brown 9-12-7	–
17	04pp-0f	HOPEFUL VIEW (Mrs C Janaway) Mrs C Janaway 7-12-7	G Maundrell 7
19	/030-4p	KIKORI (R Bethell) R Bethell 9-12-7	W Bethell 7
23		NORCHARD LAD (R Mathias) Mrs S Davenport 10-12-7	R Matthias 7
24	/0p00-0	ON THE GUINEA (W Whiston) W Whiston 10-12-7	Mrs K Dickin 7
25	404-14	PEACE CLASH (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 7-12-7	J Greenall 7
29	00pp-02	THE WHIPSTICK (G Hacking) G Hacking 8-12-7	Miss A Dare 7
31	u/p-p	DAINTY DOLLY (C Martin) C Martin 9-12-2	C Martin 7
32	0-	LADY CARINYA (R Collins) R Collins 12-12-2	J Clissold 7
33	f-	STANCOMBE LASS (Miss J Dean) Miss J Dean 9-12-2	–

1983: No race.

11-8 Border Burg, 5-2 The Whipstick, 6 Glen-Look, 8 Peace Clash, 10 Kikori, 16 False Bay.

Leicester selections

By Michael Phillips

1.45 Elmboy. 2.15 Prayukta. 2.45 Lakin. 3.15 Poyntz Pass. 3.45 Game Trust. 4.15 Brother Jack. 4.45 Peace Clash.

Saturday's results

KEMPTON PARK

1.45 1, I Haventalight (8-11 fav); 2, Kealby Kavalier (14-1); 3, Fine Sun (4-1). 8 ran. NR: End Of The Road.
2.15 1, Tom's Little Al (6-1); 2, Easter Carnival (33-1); 3, Two Swallows (12-1). King Ba Ba (9-2 fav) 10 ran.
2.45 1, Clarin Bridge (11-4 jt fav); 2, Amrullah (25-1); 3, Floyd (14-1). Northern Trial (11-4 jt fav). 11 ran. NR: Son Of A Gunner.
3.15 1, Gaye Chance (4-6 fav); 2, Crimson Embers (3-1); 3, Hasty Storm (16-1). 6 ran.
3.45 1, Mossy Moore (4-1); 2, River Rhein (11-2); 3, Brave Hussar (11-4 fav). 15 ran. NR: Wing Velvet.
4.15 1, Upham Pleasure (16-1); 2, King Or Country (6-1); 3, Greenways (100-30). Palmyra-Court (15-8 fav). 15 ran. NR: Spartan Major.

DONCASTER

1.30 1, Turi (6-1); 2, Stately Maiden (8-1); 3, Bettabet Geraghty (6-1). Silver Season (3-1 fav). 14 ran.
2.0 1, Fortina's Express (8-1); 2, Kudos (7-2); 3, Falkland Palace (9-2). Beamwam (7-4 fav). 5 ran.
2.30 1, Run over (13-2); 2, Faithful Don (9-1); 3, Havenwood (7-1). Brown Rifle (9-2 fav). 13 ran.
3.0 1, Wayward Lad; 2, King Spruce. 2 ran. No S.P. returned.
3.30 1, Swift Wood (3-1); 2, John Bunyan (4-1); 3, Gill O'Whiskey (11-1). Connaught Ranger (5-6 fav). 9 ran.
4.0 1, Derouleda (9-4 fav); 2, Arctic Menelek (100-3); 3, Antiguan Moon (11-1). 13 ran.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

2.0 1, Keep Sauntering (33-1); 2, Indado (14-1); 3, Nick Barry (7-1); 4, Space Wheel (10-1). Airship and Perdiccas (6-1 jt-favs). 20 ran.
2.30 1, Browne's Gazette (1-5 fav); 2, Mister Boot (40-1); 3, Barrister Boy (12-1). 17ran.
3.0 1, Classified (1-4 fav); 2, Early Thirties (3-1). 2 ran.
3.30 1, Donegal Prince (8-1); 2, Charter Party (12-1); 3, Cybrandian (11-2). Sea Spice (8-11 fav). 16 ran.
4.0 1, Spartan Missile (8-11 fav); 2, Spartella (33-1); 3, Glencarry (33-1). 11 ran. Nr. Ancient Arch.
4.30 1, Townley Stone (8-11 fav); 2, Burnbeck (25-1); 3, Dobson's Choice (25-1). 13 ran.

PUNCHESTOWN

2.0 1, See You Then (9-4fav); 2, Kalaminsky (8-1); 3, Flying Gale(14-1). 17 ran.
2.30 1, Mister Donovan (2-1fav); 2, Starguogan (11-2), 3, Howarth Highway (50-1). 9 ran.
3.0 1, Drumlargen (9-4fav); 2, Yer Man (20-1); 3, Felicity's Pet (12-1). 12 ran.

POINT-TO-POINT

Army: Lwght: Deep Memories. Op I: Pay Related. L: Random Leg. Op II: Lochage. Adj I: Mr Tack. Op III: Briway. Fac: French Peacock. Adj II: Sergeant Can.
Banwen Miners: Mem: Wine Talk. Op: Sentimental Me. L: Millondollerman. PPOA: Ashburton. Mdn I: Linkville. Mdn II: Sir Foster.
Berwickshire: Mem: Flying Kit. Adj: Flying Ace. L: Mellymeeta. Op: Arthur's Bells. Res: Panegyrist. Mdn: Lilac Brig.
Cambridge University: P & P: Brown Loaf. Op I: Drake's Green. L: Aingers Green. Op II: Fordington Valley. Res: Far Corked. Op III: Cheekio Ora. Mem: Clinch It. Adj: King's Wager.
East Cornwall: Mem: Phil Grey. Adj I: Buckmill. Adj II: Quinner L: Frevolity. Op: Killar's Star. Mdn: Spartan Mariner. Far: Pluto.
Mendip Farmers: Mem: Rugged Lad. Mdn I: Shanlaragh. Op I: Killen. L: Brent Mystery. Op II: Tawny Mth. Adj I: Bishop's Jig. Adj II: Railinson. Mdn II: Mendip Express.
North Herefordshire: Mem: Chestnut Charm. Adj: Tanker. Op I: Crumpet Catcher. L: Housemistress. Res I: Wise Lady. Op II: Cabar Feidh. Res II: Hill Express. Mdn I: Woodhampton. Mdn II: Maggie Jack.

Leaders over jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Dickinson	59	25	8	0	−14 10
F Winter	58	36	29	0	+9.23
J Gifford	46	47	40	2	−69.45
J Jenkins	44	30	20	10	−101.48
W Stephenson	41	29	33	0	−69.22
D Nicholson	37	33	37	7	−153.75
G Richards	36	29	28	7	−47.79
N Henderson	35	33	11	0	−10.40
C H Bell	29	29	28	14	−107.82
L Kennard	27	18	15	24	−40.17
Mrs M Rimell	27	33	25	0	−56.16
F Walwyn	27	15	21	2	−58.19

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J Francome	93	60	38	1	−35 09
J O Neill	84	71	55	6	−81.78
P Scudamore	74	59	51	8	−101.95
H Davies	62	45	43	4	+13.80
S Smith Eccles	52	54	46	13	−63.14
R Rowe	47	36	25	7	+35.89
A Webber	42	41	37	4	+42.15
S Morshead	40	50	32	1	−40.50
G Bradley	34	20	15	1	−46.80
N Doughty	34	29	37	6	−75.75
C Brown	33	17	23	1	−24.76
P Tuck	33	33	28	19	−120.70

● Hywel Davies, concussed in a fall on Solid Rock at Doncaster on Saturday, was "much improved" at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, but it is not known when he will be able to leave.

BOXING: EUROPEAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Sibson leans on doctor as well as champion to regain title

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Paris

The hero of the night for Tony Sibson and the men who surround him was the young American doctor from Atlantic City General Hospital who not only repaired Sibson's left eyebrow after Don Lee had slit it 39 days ago but also forecast that the injury would heal in time for Sibson to challenge Louis Acaries, of France, for the European middleweight title.

The doctor's work as much as the boxer's was under examination at the Bercy Stadium on Saturday when Sibson won back the title he gave up in 1982. There were sighs of relief all round that only a corner of a layer of stitching had broken in the ninth round and that the trickle of blood that followed did not grow into a flood.

No doubt the surgeon did a remarkable job on Sibson's eyebrow but it was the boxer who saved himself from serious injury with his control and tactics. For the first five rounds there was none of those Sibson specials, left hooks, just jabs; and in the last two rounds he was smart enough to hold and lean as much as possible scoring only with quick clusters when it was safe

He was given the verdict 117 to 116 (4-3 and five even), 118 to 117 (3-2, seven even, and 116 to 118 (2-4, six even). On my card it was 5-2 and five drawn and Sibson had Acaries to thank for his victory.

For of those five even rounds three of them came in the first four when the Frenchman just backed away behind his guard, which opened and closed as erratically as the automatic gates at the Gard du Nord that nearly took my arm off and separated an American from his baggage. Acaries is an accurate puncher and had he gone to work earlier could well have retained his title.

Sibson said that Acaries was an awkward opponent and claimed that the cut was the result of a butt, but I saw none. Acaries was clever and began to look dangerous from the fifth round. There was always the chance that he would flatten Sibson with a sudden left hook as the British boxer stood close enough to him to peer through his guard. At times he was so close that I wondered why the Leicester boxer did not go straight up the M1 with an uppercut.

In the seventh round Acaries landed a good left and had Sibson in trouble; but the automatic clock in the stadium broke down and sounded the gong 11 seconds too early. Sibson recovered; the clock did not.

Sibson should be back in the world ratings soon but his performance showed that he is not the Sibson of old. He never connected with those explosive hooks of his and on this showing a meeting with Marvin Hagler would be out of the question.

Sibson admitted that he was not himself and claimed that he had had too many sleepless nights. His next bout should tell us if there is anything left in him and for that he will have to wait till August.

We did not have to wait long after Sibson had left the ring for another fight to start – one between about 25 of his supporters, who entered the ring. I got my first taste of tear-gas and fled, clutching my throat, my eyes and nose running. Watch it, football hooligans.

OTHER RESULT: Middleweight (8 rounds): Paul Tchoue (Fr) bt Winston Burnett (GB), rtd 5th round.

Leonard clear to return

Boston (Reuter) – The Massachusetts Boxing Commission said yesterday that retired welterweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard could return to the ring on May 11 after an operation on both eyes.

"If Mr Leonard wishes to fight, he can do so," Dr Edward Ryan, of the Boston Eye and Ear Hospital said after examining him. Leonard, aged 27, retired in November, 1982, after suffering a detached retina in his left, eye.

Ryan operated on Leonard's right eye this month after discovering damage to the retina. After Ryan examined the eye last week and declared it "well healed", the Commission granted permission for Leonard to box Kevin Howard in Worcester, Massachusetts.

A scheduled bout last Saturday between the two boxers was postponed when Ryan discovered the problem with Leonard's right eye.

Spinks again

Atlantic City (Reuter) – Michael Spinks, undefeated world light heavyweight champion, stepped up his punching to beat Eddie Davis, a fellow American, and retain his title here on Saturday night. He held on to win a unanimous 12-round points decision.

"Around the eighth or ninth rounds I got a feeling I haven't had in years," Spinks said after his eighth successful title defence since July 1981. Eddie was getting his confidence back.

SWIMMING

Little significance in British win

By Athole Still

After two days of closely fought competition, Britain defeated West Germany by 184 points to 175 in the international match sponsored by Sun Life at Crystal Palace. The British women won 11 of their 15 events (the British men went under by an identical margin), but there was little significance in Olympic terms as the West Germans were sadly below the form, which made them the toast of last year's European championships.

The lack-lustre visitors reached their nadir in yesterday's 200 metres butterfly. Michael Gross, the towering double world record holder, was beaten by Nick Hodgson, who swept into the lead from the dive and held off Gross's final swoop to win by .2 of a second in 2min 03.18sec, one of 25 personal best times achieved by the British squad.

Adrian Moorhouse atoned for his aberation in Saturday's 100 metres breaststroke, by easily winning the 200 yesterday, and Sarah Hardcastle, the Southend 14-year-old, improved her own British Junior record over 400 and 800 metres freestyle.

Ruth Gilfillan broke both her own Scottish senior records for the 100 and 200 metres freestyle and her fellow new cap, Katherine Read improved Sharon Davies's 1978 British junior record in the 200 metres backstroke. Jean Hill, also bettered her own Scottish senior record, for the 100 metres breaststroke.

Match result: Gt Britain 184, W Germany 175.

Saturday

MEN: 100m freestyle: D Lowe (GB) 52.21 sec. 100m butterfly: M Gross (WG) 56.59. 400m freestyle: T Fahrner (WG) 3 min 59.37 sec. 200m backstroke: S Peter (WG) 2-08.53. 100m breaststroke: P Lang (WG) 1-4.70. 400m Ind. medley: R Diegel (WG) 4-30.09. 4x200m freestyle relay: W Germany (R Menkel, A Schowtka, M Gross, T Fahrner) 7-37-06.

WOMEN: 200m freestyle: J Croft (GB) 2-2.85. 200m butterfly: S Purvis (GB) 2-15.54. 200m breaststroke: G Stanley (GB) 2-34.22. 200m backstroke: S Schlickt (WG) 2-17.43. 800m freestyle: S Hardcastle (GB) 8-38.77. 200m ind. medley: P Zindler (WG) 4-57.58. 4x100m freestyle relay: Gt Britain (J Croft, R Gilfillan, A Cripps, C Croft) 3-53.55.

Yesterday

MEN: 100m backstroke: 1, T Reich (WG) 59.75; 2, N Harper (GB) 59.85; 4, S Harrison (GB) 59.95. 200m breastroke: 1, A Moorhouse (GB) 2:21.09; 2, M Bushwell (GB) 2:25.13. 200m freestyle: 1, T Hahmer (WG) 1:53.36; 3, P Howe (GB) 1:54.30; 5, N Foster (GB) 2:0.10. 4x100 freestyle: 1, W Germany (T Bucholz, M Gross, Schowtka, Fahrner) 3:29.49; 2, Gt Britain (R Burrell, K Lee, P Brew, D Lowe) 3:31.42. 200m medley: 1, R Brew (GB) 2:8.04; 2, R Diegel (WG) 2:8.34; 3, P Brew (GB) 2:8.98. 1,500m freestyle: 1, R Menkel (WG) 15:21.04; 2, D Stacey (GB) 15:55.98, 3, A Day (GB) 16:5.12 200m butterfly: 1, N Hodgson (GB) 2:3.18, 2, M Gross (WG) 2:3.18; 3, D Emmerson (GB) 2:5.73. 4x100m medley relay: 1, W Germany 3:52.12: 2, Gt Britain (N Harper, A Moorhouse, D Lowe, R Burrel) 3:52.79.

WOMEN: 4x200m freestyle relay: 1, Gt Britain (Cripps, S Hardcastle, Gilfillan, Croft) 8:15.21 (British record); 2, W Germany 8.34.40. 100m backstroke: 1, S Schlicht (WG) 1:4.2, 2, C White (GB) 1:5.03, 3, S Hindmarch (GB) 1:5.74. 100m breastroke: 1, J Hull (GB) 1:13.9 (Scottish record); 2, U Hasse (WG) 1:15.3; 3, S Brownsdon (GB) 1:16.7. 100m butterfly: 1, C Cooper (GB) 1:2.04; 2, F Ross (GB, guest) 1:4.11. 100m freestyle: 1, J Croft (GB) 57.34. 2, A Cripps (GB) 58.38. 400m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (GB) 4:14.58 (British junior record); 2, P Zindler (GB) 4:18.76; 3, A Cripps (GB) 4:18.76. 200m Ind medley: 1, C Fielke (WG) 23:21.62; 2, S Purvis (GB) 2:23.13. 3, S Brownsdon (GB) 2:24.71. 4x100 medley relay: 1, Gt Britain (C White, J Hill, J Croft) 4:18.25; 2, W Germany 4:25.02.



Victory bubbles for Moorhouse in the 200 metres (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

ATHLETICS

Moorcroft wins 5,000m inside Olympic time

By Pat Butcher

David Moorcroft had a further heartening performance in New Zealand on Saturday, when he won a 5,000 metres in an Olympic qualifying time; and a British team won the Ekiden women's road relay in Japan, beating the Soviet title holders by an astonishing margin.

Moorcroft ran most of the race in Hamilton by himself, and won in 13min 34sec, one second inside the British Olympic qualifier, which was one of his aims in New Zealand this winter. He suffered what appeared to be a severe setback a month ago, when he finish well down in a 3,000 metre race in Australia, and a dietary deficiency was diagnosed which looked as if it might jeopardise his olympic chances.

But a 10-kilometre road race victory last week over the New Zealand world cross-country squad convinced him that the debility has been checked, and Saturday's performance, although half a minute outside his world record, has confirmed his return to form. Moorcroft had hoped to be preselected for the Olypics, but said on Saturday that he now expects to have to run the trials in early June.

The performance by the six British women in winning the Ekiden relay in Yokohama was all the better for relegating to third place a Soviet team which included two world record holders – Tatiana Kazankina (1,500 metres) and Raisa Sadreydinova (10,000 metres) – and two medal winners from last summer's world championships in Helsinki. The Britons – Shireen and Marina Samy, Carole Bradford, Mary Cotton, Julie Laughton and Carol Haigh – recorded 2hr 20min 54sec for the marathon distance relay, beating Australia by three minutes and the Soviet Union by four and a half minutes.

Meg Ritchie, of Britain, who is studying in America, won the United States indoor shot title on Saturday with a put of 17.85 metres (58ft 6¼in). Soviet athletes did much better in the Madison Square garden meeting. Tamara Bykova high jumped two metres (6ft 6¾in) and Sergei Bubka won the pole vault on the countback from a compatriot, Constantin Volkov, with 5.64 metres (18ft 6in).

Angela Tooby, of Cardiff AAC, made partial amends for dropping out of the English cross-country championships last week when she won the Welsh national at Newport on Saturday. She was given the verdict in a dead-heat with her twin, Susan, who ran as a guest, since her Welsh qualification is not finalised. Kim Lock was third

IN BRIEF

Lewis fails against Yale man

Glen Layendecker a Yale graduate, aged 22, won his first tennis tournament as professional when he defeated Richard Lewis of Britain, 7-6, 6-4, in the final of the LTA satellite event at Coventry on Saturday (Lewine Mair writes). The American's troupe for £530 lifted his earnings for the first four weeks of this circuit to £720 and enabled him to claim, cautiously, that he was covering costs.

SINGLES FINAL: G Layendecker (US) bt R Lewis (GB) 7-6, 6-4.
DOUBLES FINAL: R Akel (US) and R Bathman (Swe) bt P Hjertquist and S Svensson (Swe) 7-5 7-5

GOLF: David Feherty of Britain, won his first major tournament in a five-year professional career with a one-shot win in the Protea Sunshine Tournament on Saturday.
● Bill Brask, of the United States won the Hongkong Open yesterday by seven strokes from defending champion Greg Norman, of Australia.

TENNIS: Martina Navratilova beat Chris Lloyd 6-2, 7-6 to win the US women's national indoor title in New Jersey on Saturday.

ICE SKATING: Robin Cousins, of Britain, won the men's singles competition in the Tokyo leg of the international professional figure skating championships yesterday.

LACROSSE: Hampstead beat Kenton 14-4 at Croydon on Saturday to win their eleventh South of England senior men's flag competition. (Peter Tatlow writes).

YACHTING: Mike Holmes and Ossie Stewart of Britain, sailed consistently to win the 470-class at the Cannes regatta (Adrian Morgan writes. In the Finns, Mike McIntyre, of Britain, scored a noteworthy second to Oleg Khoperski, of the Soviet Union.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

IRISH CUP: Second round replays: Distillery v Glenavon (7.30), Glentoran v Bangor (7.30).
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Kidderminster v Trowbridge (7.30).
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIGHT CUP: Semi-final: Norwich City v West Ham (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Gloucester (7.30). Southern division: Waterlooville v Hillingdon (7.30)
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Chesterfield (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading v Oxford Utd (7.30).

MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Peterborough v Portsmouth (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Abertillery v Chairman's Select XV (7.0).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Warrington v Sunderland (7.15); Leicester v Solent Stars (7.30).

SNOOKER

Yamaha International (Assembly Rooms, Derby, (2.0 and 7.0).

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CRICKET: EASY VICTORY FOR NEW ZEALAND

England are up the creek and the omens are bad

From Derek Hodgson
Auckland

All the best stories end on a happy note, so England's tour of New Zealand will never become a children's classic. Even G. A. Henty would have been pressed to make much of "with Willis up the Waikato" after Saturday's defeat at Eden Park, where a crowd of 41,000 saw New Zealand win at a cruise by seven wickets with two overs to spare. In truth, England are up the creek.

The notion that the team that had won the previous two one-day international would be retained to go for a clean sweep (and blow the Test match in Karachi on Frinday) was torn apart by an absurdly easy New Zealand victory. Instead of trying to get Tavaré Fowler and Cook into form for selection on Thursday, England now find all their old doubts about Smith. Utterly routed by Hadlee, and Cowans, who conceded almost six runs an over, resurrected. Even Foster, when under assault from Howarth and Martin Crowe, looked less reliable than on any previous occasions on this tour.

Nor have England may genuine excuses. Agreed, the pitch was a little slower even than the Test match strip but it never presented any real difficulties and the outfield, after a drier spell, was a good deal faster. Auckland, with a temperature in the upper 70s under low grey cloud, baked with humitidy. It was not a perfect day for cricket befofe one of the noisest crowes of one's experience; but the opportunities were there and England, with Lamb excepted, passed they by.

Perhaps Willis should have lost the toss to Howarth, as is usual. England would then, presumably, have batted second and might have been in better spirits. instead, Willis made what had to be the right decision, saw Smith depart in the second over and was then able to relax while Gower and Lamb, looking perfectly composed, raised 67 in the next 13 overs. Chatfield then hit Gower fairly high on the front pad; Kinsella, the umpire, agreed that the batsman was leg-before; Gower's expression was one of total disagreement.


Martin Crowe: 105 off 105

A fidgety Randall for once failed but Lamb continued in some puzzlement as to at was happening at the other end.

Botham batted well until he tried to hit the deceptive Coney into Tahiti and after that the innings became something of a Mack Sennett comedy sequence with Lamb, the moustachioed straight man, trying to restore order but being left stranded on 97.

As Willis said afterwards: "We needed another 30 runs to put them under pressure. Then we needed early wickets". New Zealand required four an over and, when they lost Webb at 12 and Wright at 34, they had their one moment of crisis, but Howarth, rock-like, had seen the prize and he nursed Martin Crowe through a desperate beginning in which there might have been a run-out on three occasions.

After that the younger Crowe, to the growing delight of the crowd, took command, scoring his 105 not out off 105 balls, including two sixes and 10 fours. His straight driving is electrifying. On one occasion, when Cowans overpitched in the growing evening gloom, the ball sped so fast it seemed to have disappeared until a loud crack announced its arrival at the boundary board.

If he can balance temperament with outstanding ability, and add confidence, Martin Crowe could be a world-class batsman in a short time.

Yesterday England had their hepatitis jabs and hoped to relax some stiff rumps with swimming, sailing and golf. Today thay leave for Pakistan. All are fit and in reasonable spirits but the omens for this team are not good.

ENGLAND

D I Gower lbw b Chatfield	35
C L Smith b Hadlee	5
A J Lamb not out	97
D W Randall b Boock	11
I T Botham c Wright b Coney	18
M W Gatting c Smith b Chatfield	4
V J Marks b Chatfield	3
†R W Taylor run out	5
N A Foster run out	1
N G Cowans run out	0
*R G D Willis not out	7
Extras (b 4, l-b 11, w 1, n-b 4)	20
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–73, 3–95, 4–130, 5–140, 6–148, 7–185, 8–192, 9–192.

BOWLING: Hadlee 10-2-51-1; Chatfield 10-2-29-3; Boock 10-0-40-1; Coney 10-0-38-1; Cairns 10-2-31-0

NEW ZEALAND

J G Wright c and b Marks	14
P N Webb b Willis	8
*G P Howarth lbw b Botham	72
M D Crowe not out	105
J V Coney not out	2
Extras (l-b 7, w 2)	9
Total (3 wkts)	210

J J Crowe, R J Hadlee, B L Cairns, †I D S Smith, S L Boock and E J Chatfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–34, 3–194.

BOWLING: Willis 10-1-35-1; Cowans 9.3-0-59-0; Botham 7-1-22-1; Marks 10-1-27-1; Foster 6-0-37-0 Smith 3-0-20-0.

Umpires: D Kinsella and G Morris.

Barbed fences erected to ease players' riot fears

Karachi (Reuter) – Iron rod fences over nine feet high, topped by barbed wire, have been erected at the National Stadium here to protect the opening match in the Pakistan v England Test series from protesting student spectators, a senior cricket official said yesterday.

Haseeb Ahsan, chief selector for the Pakistan cricket board (BCCP) also said that the Pakisan cricket authorities have moved the players' dressing rooms to another part of the stadium to keep them away from the crowd.

Ahsan added that stones, bricks and broken glass had been cleared from the stadium so that students could not throw them at the players.

Spectators have scaled six-feet high fences several times in the past here to disrupt matches between Pakistan and England, Australia, India and West Indies. In January last year, students belonging to the main right-wing Islamic Union attacked the pitch during an Indian-Pakistan match to protest against what they called the "time-wasting game of cricket".

Other measures intended to prevent trouble include the monitoring of ticket sales to keep potential protesters out of the stadium.

England's tour manager Alan Smith has said he would not hesitate to pull the team out of the country if riots endangered his players. But Test and County Cricket Board secretary Peter Lush said the BCCP's precautions had eased the players' fears.

Mr Lush said: "We are satisfied with the assurances we have received from the Pakistan cricket authorities and the content of their cable have been passed on to the team in New Zealand."

Smith said: "I'm delighted to have received these assurances. As I have said all along, we are all looking forward to going to Pakistan and playing cricket."

Meanwhile Pakistan's probable side for the First Test practised yesterday under unusually warm February sunshine.

Hadlee to seek an easier ride

Auckland (Reuter) – Richard Hadlee, New Zealand's outstanding all-rounder, said yesterday that Hadlee had no intention of playing every game for Nottinghamshire during the forthcoming English season. "I hope Notts will be wise enough to use me sparingly," said Hadlee.

Hadlee, aged 32, said his interest in playing cricket was waning, but he would probably enjoy it more once he had completed a double of 2,000 runs and 200 wickets in Test cricket. Hadlee, who has taken 212 wickets and scored 1,745 runs, leaves today with the New Zealand team for a five-week tour of Sri Lanka.

● Queensland earned a place in next month's Sheffield Shield final by taking first-innings lead in their match against Tasmania in Hobart. Tasmania, needing to win and lead on first innings to gain enough points to oust Queensland from second place in the table, mustered only 166 in reply to Queensland's first inning s total of 223.

MELBOURNE: Sheffield Shield: South Australia 520 for 7 dec (A Hilditch 230; M Hayman 82; S O'Donnell 4 for 118); Victoria 78 not out, P Hibbert 75, M Quinn 73).
HOBART: Sheffield Shield: Queensland 223 and 333 (G Chappell 129; T Hohns 56; P Blizzard 4 for 79); Tasmania 166 (M Ray 50; H Frei 6 for 52 and 69 for 1).
SYDNEY: Sheffield Shield: New South Wales 292 (R McCosker 94, S Rixon 56, J Dyson 52; K MacLeay 4 for 90); Western Australia 182 for 2 (G Marsh 75 not out, G Wood 68 not out).

● Western Province were 21 runs short of avoiding the follow-on with four wickets and 12 of their allotted 100 overs remaining at the close of the second day of the the four-day Currie Cup final against Transvaal
CAPE TOWN: Transvaal 425 for 7 (R G Pollock 94, S J Cook 93, A I Kallicharran 73); Western Province 255 for 6 (P N Kirsten 57, P Pienaar 51).

Small replaces Marshall

Bridgetown, Barbados (Reuter) – Malcom Marshall has withdrawn from the West Indies party for the one-day international and first Test match against Australia this week because of a knee injury.

Marshall will be replaced in the Test match, which starts on Friday, by another Barbadian fast bowler, Milton Small, aged 19. Small, who has joined Hampshire for next season, has played only three matches for Barbados, taking 18 wickets, including one with his first ball against Trinidad and Tobago. A back injury kept him out of Barbados's last Shield game

● ST JOHN'S, Antigua: Rolston Otto scored his third century on the way to setting a new aggregate record for a Shell Shield season as Leeward Islands compiled their highest ever score – 613 – on the third day of the finals Shield match against Trinidad and Tobago here on Saturday.

Otto made 136 to take his total from eight innings to 572 runs.

SCORES: Trinidad and Tobago 337 (B Nanan 98 not out) and 36 for no wkt; Leeward Islands 613 for 5 dec (R Otto 136, R Richardson 182, S Julien 90).
ADELAIDE: Youth international match: Sri Lanka 292 (A de Silva 145) and 30 for 1; Australia 449 for 8 dec (M Waugh 123).

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Civil standard of proof appropriate

Regina v Hampshire County Council, Ex parte Ellerton

Before Mr Justice McCullough
[Judgment delivered February 23]

A charge preferred against a member of a fire brigade under the Fire Services (Discipline) Regulations (SI 1948 No 545) could be proved on a preponderance of probabilities and it was not necessary that it be proved beyond reasonable doubt.

Mr Justice McCullough so held in the Queen's Bench Division, dismissing an application by Mr Ronald Andrew Ellerton, a divisional officer of the Hampshire Fire Brigade, for judicial review of a determination of the Hampshire County Council which on September 1, 1983, in its capacity as a fire authority, had dismissed the applicant's appeal against findings of guilt recorded by the Chief Fire Officer in respect of two charges of corrupt practice which had been laid against him, and had increased the punishment imposed in respect of them.

Mr Andrew Bano for the applicant; Mr Jeremy Gibbons for the council.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that the applicant's appeal had been heard by a panel of five members of the council acting on its behalf.

Prior to the hearing the assistant county secretary had written to the members suggesting a procedure which they should adopt and stating that "in the absence of authority within the regulations themselves members may care to adopt the civil proceedings onus of proof, namely the balance of probabilities".

At the hearing, the applicant had made representations that the standard should be beyond reasonable doubt in accordance with the statement on p137 of the *Manual of Fire Service Law* (1951), written by Mr Justice Peter Pain, but the panel had decided that the balance of probabilities was the appropriate standard "as was customary in employment tribunals of this nature."

It had been contended for the applicant that the terms of the regulations were closely related to the terms in which one spoke in criminal law and procedure and that their object was punishment, and that accordingly the criminal standard of proof was appropriate.

Much of the language of the regulations was that of the criminal law, but there were a number of differences: the evidence was not given on oath; there was no right to legal representation; and no punishment did more that affect the relationship of the fireman and the authority *inter se*, as the most severe, dismissal, did no more than terminate their contractual relationship.

Some of the disciplinary offences were the equivalent of crimes: others were not. It was an important consideration that section 17(1) of the Fire Services Act 1947, which empowered the making of the regulations, said that they were to govern "the conditions of service" of fireman and that they were to be made, *inter alia*, "for the maintenance of discipline".

Despite the similarities of some of the provisions to the criminal law, his Lordship was satisfied that the proceedings were domestic in character and that the civil standard of proof was appropriate, namely the balance of probabilities as explained in *Hornal v Neuberger Products Ltd* ([1957] 1 QB 247).

The standard of proof in non-criminal proceedings had recently been discussed in the House of Lords in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74). That case was concerned with the degree of proof required before a decision-making body could be satisfied that a person was an illegal immigrant.

Two strands of opinion there emerged, although they would not in practice lead to different conclusions. One strand was that the more serious the allegation the higher the standard of proof required, the other that the more serious the allegation the less easy it was to be satisfied on the balance of probabilities.

The same divergence had occurred in *Hornal's* case, where the Court of Appeal had upheld the trial judge's holding that the preponderance of probability was the appropriate standard in a civil action for fraud.

It was not appropriate to distinguish *Khawaja's* case on the basis that it concerned an administrative rather than a judicial decision: more persuasive was the importance of the decision to the person concerned.

It would not be realistic to apply to more serious offences under the 1948 Regulations a standard of proof which was different from that applied to a less serious offence. In his Lordship's judgment, the standard applicable in this case could not be higher than that in *Khawaja's* case, nor lower than that in *Hornal's* case. Since both cases spoke of the same standard, that must be the standard applicable in this case.

His Lordship had been concerned whether the members of the panel had understood the consideration in the authorities that it was harder to be satisfied on a balance of probabilities in respect of a more serious allegation than it was in respect of a less serious one.

His Lordship believed that a tribunal of fact would automatically take the relative seriousness of an allegation into account as one of the factors bearing on the question of whether the civil burden of proof had been discharged, a belief which was borne out by the words of Lord Justice Morris in *Hornal's* case at pp 266-7.

Taking all the relevant factors into account, it was impossible to say that the panel had applied a lower standard of proof than the law required.

The application would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners: Mr R. A. Leyland, Winchester.

Review of last year's rainfall

Wettest April and May since 1782 for England and Wales

By John Grindley

Annual rainfall for 1983 over Britain was close to average but, over Northern Ireland, the year was the driest since 1975 and it brought to an end a succession of wet years:

It is not unusual for seasonal rainfall patterns to show marked departures from average for the countries as a whole as well as for smaller districts and by judicious combinations of months, it may appear that records are broken rather frequently. Nevertheless, there were some notable occasions of rainfall deficiency and excess last year.

There has been a tendency in recent years for England and Wales to experience wet spring-early summers and for Scotland to have wet autumns, loosely defined, and such was the case in 1983.

Over England and Wales, March-May was the fourth wettest such period of the century (1981 and 1979 were wetter). The total for April-May was even more remarkable: in the long series from 1727, only one April-May has been wetter, that of 1782. Scotland and Northern Ireland had a rather dry April and the excess for the three months was not so marked there. Indeed, in contrast to the wetness of southern Britain, parts of north-west Scotland were quite dry.

In Skye, for example, rainfall for April-May was half the combined average for those months. Moreover, less than average rainfall was recorded for each of the months, April to August, in the Western Isles.

Over Scotland, the late summer-early autumn months, September-October, were the third wettest such months since the Scottish series began in 1869 (the months were wetter in 1981 and 1935).

November was dry over most of the United Kingdom, notably so over Scotland and Northern Ireland. Nevertheless, the period September-December was the seventh wettest in the 115 years series and, more remarkably, the combined totals for those months in 1982, 1981 and 1980 were each larger than for 1983, the 1982 period being the wettest on record.

The most notable season, however, was the summer (June-August). By common consent, it was a good summer, among the driest in the long series. The apprehension of a good summer lies in more than the absence of rain; warmth and sunshine are also required.

June, if dry, was rather cool and dull but July and August were certainly warm and sunny, July, in particular, being the hottest calendar month in the 325 years temperature series for central England.

July was hottest ever recorded

Total rainfall for June-August over England and Wales, was the second lowest for such a period since 1869 (the period in 1976, with 76mm was considerably drier). There have been five drier periods, June-August, than that of 1983 over Scotland, that for 1955 being easily the driest. Over Northern Ireland, the summer of 1983 was by far the driest since the start of the series in 1900.

How then, does the rainfall deficiency of 1983 compare with historic "droughts"? In effect, it was too short to have had serious consequences. Farmers, who are usually most vulnerable to water deficiency, experienced some difficulty as much from the wet spring as from the dry summer.

Some water authorities experienced temporary difficulty, as much from the wet spring as from the dry summer.

Some water authorities experienced temporary difficulty with distribution in the hot July but water availability is rarely affected by short period rainfall deficiency.

Quantitatively and subjectively, the deficiencies of 1887, 1921, 1933-34, 1959 and 1975-76 would probably be considered more serious than that of 1983 for England and Wales and, certainly, that of 1955 was worse over Scotland.

Unusually, there were half a dozen rainless fortnights somewhere or other in the United Kingdom. The average expectation, at a point, for 15 days or more without rain is about once a year in south-east England and once in five years in the wetter hills.

The map shows the distribution of rainfall as a percentage of annual average. There are no extreme percentages. The values of 120 per cent in mid Wales and the north Midlands reflect, in part, the heavy rainfall of July 16-19 and September 9 respectively.

Values of 120 and even 130 per cent between Ben Nevis and Glen Shiel are due, in part, to the very wet last week of the year there.

Although January was thoroughly unsettled, rainfall amounts in many eastern districts of Britain, sheltered from the persistent westerly winds, were not generally large. The case was otherwise in the hilly west where, day after day, especially in the first week, heavy rain fell from the moors of south-west England to the North West Highlands. From January 2 to 6, amounts exceeded 200mm on Dartmoor, the mountains of Wales and the Lake District.

Unsettled, stormy weather continued for a few days in February, with rainfall totals near 100mm in the Lake District on February 4, but the month as a whole was quieter and drier than January.

Locations in south-west England, Wales, north-west Scotland and Northern Ireland experienced a fortnight or more without precipitation in mid-month.

Such dry periods are not unknown in late winter and early spring. Away from western districts the dry period was more restricted and, indeed, the harshest weather in what was generally an open winter happened from February 7 to 13. Precipitation was mainly of snow showers but an area of more general snowfall cut off parts of Kent on February 10.

Renewed stormy weather toward the end of the month did not last long in lowland England but from the end of February to March 5, heavy rain fell on mountains from Snowdon northwards. At Gobernisgach Lodge, Sutherland, in the remotest region of mainland Britain, the largest known three days' total, 349mm, was recorded on March 4-6.

The rainfall was so-called orographic, precipitated by the mountains from a moist south-westerly airstream. Concentrations of heavy rainfall at a point over a period of days are not uncommon, especially in the Scottish Highlands, but are not always easily explained. They may be due in part to a combination of maintained wind direction and complex local topography.

In much of eastern Britain, the first 12 days of March were mainly dry and even rain free but from mid-month weather became unsettled everywhere. That unsettled spell lasted, with but brief dry periods, up to the beginning of June.

There were no outstandingly hevy rainfalls in the wet April over England and Wales; the pattern was one of days of moderate amount with a brief drier period in mid-month. In parts of the Western Isles only a millimetre or two was recorded in the 17 days from April 18. The month was unusually thundery in the south.

In south and central England, 20 to 30mm was reported quite widely on May Day. Thunderstorms were frequent in the period May 6-22 and rainfall in the storms was often heavy; for example, 54mm fell in two hours on May 18 at Finningley, South Yorkshire. One of the outstanding rainfall events of the year happened in the Borders on May 27-28 when amounts exceeded 130mm on the Lammermuir Hills: at Hungry Snout, 92mm fell on May 27 with a further 45mm on May 28. Cheviot was almost as wet on those two days. The thirty-first was as wet as May 1 in many parts of southern England where amounts again exceeded 30mm.

Although June marked the beginning of the dry summer, there were few extended runs of dry days in the month, the pattern being one of occasional small amounts and isolated thunderstorms scattered throughout. A few places which escaped the storms experienced a fortnight or more without rain in mid-month.

On June 23, amounts exceeded 80mm at locations from Sussex to Mid Glamorgan, the largest total being 103mm at Rotherfield Park, Hampshire. Some towns caught two or more of the heavy storms; for example, at Weymouth, 56mm was measured on June 5 and 36mm on June 23. A notable feature of the month was the number of hailstorms, some with stones up to 4cm in diameter.

The July rainfall pattern followed that of June, dry periods broken by violent thunderstorms. The dry periods were mostly longer than in June and, for Cornwall to Inverness and in Northern Ireland, localities which missed the storms experienced two to three weeks without rain. On July 6, thunderstorms were reported to the west of London and along the line of the North Downs. In those storms, 70mm was recorded in two hours at Kew Gardens and 95mm fell in about three hours at Ide Hill, near Sevenoaks.

In the Lake District, rain fell on only three days in an otherwise fine month but two of those days were extremely wet: at Honister Pass, 74mm fell on July 1 and 112mm on July 17.

In general, the August storms tended to be less intense than those of July and to happen about mid-month, breaking what would have been a long sequence of dry weather. In mid Wales, the Ystwth valley experienced heavy rain from August 16-19, with 77mm near Aberystwyth on August 16.

Over the whole of England and Wales, the 11 days, August 3-14, were vitually rain free, an exceptionally long rainless period over such a wide area. Amounts were mainly small in Scotland, too, in that period. Some long dry periods ended in mid August. In 45-day periods from early July, only 7mm was recorded at Builth Wells and only 6mm at Perth and there were many other examples. The 36 dry days from July 11 in Dyfed, was the longest rain-free period of the year in the United Kingdom. Rainless periods of 35 days or more may be expected only about one year in seven in the UK as a whole.

Annual totals for representative stations

	mm	Per cent of average 1941-70
London (St James's)	562	92
Margate	470	82
Worthing	619	87
Plymouth	885	89
Penzance	1042	95
Bristol	845	104
Carlisle	793	92
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	650	92
York	565	93
Leeds	836	112
Birmingham	782	107
Cambridge	531	88
Lowestoft	533	89
Cardiff	863	82
Builth Wells	1151	98
Fishguard	985	90
Anglesey (Valley)	805	92
Wrexham	748	100
Douglas	1119	98
Eskdalemuir	1563	104
Prestwick	941	103
Glasgow	1054	106
Skye (Prabost)	1913	106
Stornoway	1259	115
Lerwick	1320	113
Wick	729	93
Elgin	590	81
Aberdeen	625	75
Braemar	952	108
Edinburgh	626	91
Londonderry	838	86
Armagh	705	82
Belfast	712	76

On September 2, values exceeded 80mm quite widely on the hills from Exmoor to Lake District, with more than 150mm on Snowdonia where the largest daily fall of the year, 160mm, was measured at Pen-y-Pass, between Snowdon and Glyder. the period September 8-22 was thoroughly unsettled, particularly so over Scotland from September 8 to 10. More than 90mm was recorded on Plynlimon on September 8 and amounts exceeded 50mm in north Midlands and Cheviot locations on September 9.

Over most of the country, weather became more settled from September 22 and many southern districts where, indeed, the whole of September was comparatively dry, were rain-free for the last nine days of the month.

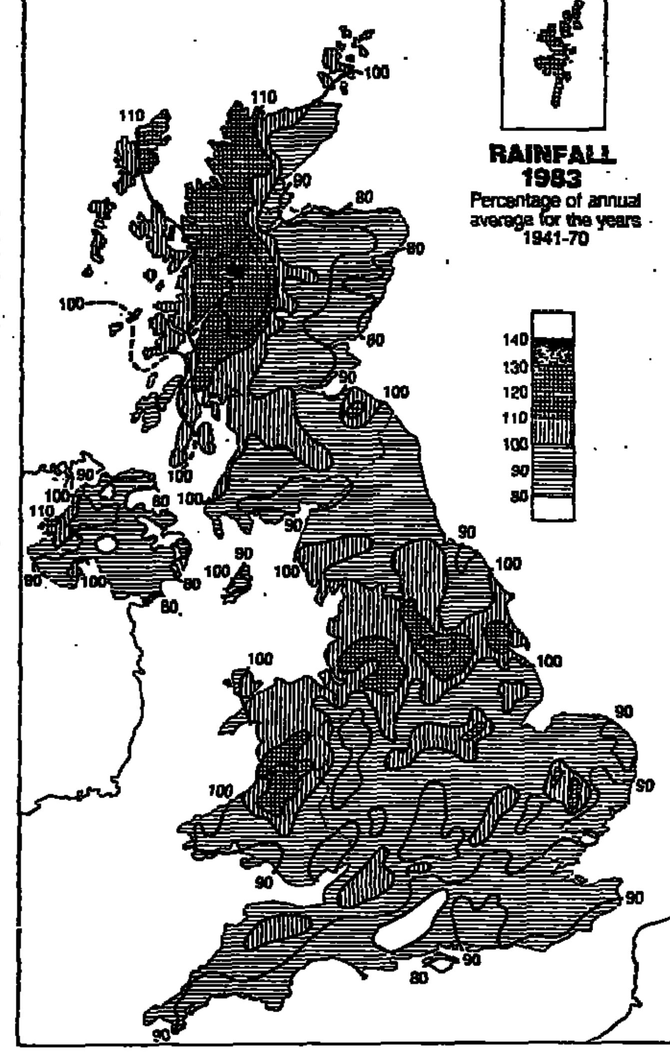
Over much of England, little substantial rainfall was recorded at all in October except on October 14-16 and in some places on October 2. But, while the south was comparatively dry, Honister Pass was showing what rainfall the mountains can really provide in periods of unsettled, westerly weather: in the 12 days, October 6-17, 58mm was recorded on October 6, 75mm on October 9, 88mm on October 12, 56mm on October 15, 72mm on October 16, with by no means trivial amounts on intervening days. Total for the 12 days was 474mm, about a year's average rainfall in the Essex estuaries, where a 24-hour fall of 50mm, at a point, is expected about once in 50 years.

Althogh not quite so wet as Honister, other western hills recorded substantial amounts in the first three weeks of the month. A much quieter, drier spell prevailed from October 19, except in North West Highlands, which remained unsettled and wet.

In November, many parts of the country experienced up to three weeks without rainfall and, elsewhere, the dry spell was broken by only small amounts of rain. At Margate, the 25 days from October 30 as rainless and less than 1mm was recorded in the 36 days from October 19. The dry spell ended on November 24 and the next few days were unsettled and wet everywhere.

Over England and Wales generally, November 26 was the wettest day since September, 1981. In Wales and the Lake District, November 25 was even wetter than November 26 with, for example, 93mm falling at Honister. Most of Scotland, however, missed the heavy rain in that short unsettled spell.

The last few days of November were mainly dry, as were the first few of December, giving more than a week without rain in southern England. The drier spell was broken on December 8 when heavy



rain fell over much of England, Wales and southern Scotland: amounts exeeded 50mm on December 10-11 resulted in snow blocked roads in the North and in Wales but, in general weather continued mild, wet and often stormy up to Christmas.

The last week was rain-free over much of south and east Britain but not so in north-west Scotland where heavy rain fell every day up to the end of the year. At Spean Bridge, near the foot of Ben Nevis, 163mm was recorded on December 26-27, with 293mm in the six days to December 31 and, at Achnangart, Glan Shiel, 392mm fell in the last six days, with 200mm on December 30-31.

I wish to thank the director-general of the Meteorological Office for permission to use material held by the office in the compilation of this summary.

GENERAL VALUES OF RAINFALL IN 1983

	1983 mm	1941-70 average mm	Difference from average mm	Per cent of average
England	803	837	–34	96
Wales	1401	1385	+16	101
England & Wales	883	912	–29	97
Scotland	1466	1431	+35	102
N Ireland	947	1095	–148	86

Monthly rainfall in mm and as a percentage of monthly average

	England and Wales mm	England and Wales %	Scotland mm	Scotland %	Northern Ireland mm	Northern Ireland %
January	92	107	220	161	117	113
February	42	65	59	57	50	67
March	67	114	149	162	113	161
April	113	195	74	82	59	87
May	117	175	115	126	83	114
June	38	82	86	93	54	68
July	40	55	43	38	20	22
August	33	37	52	40	35	34
September	99	119	174	127	109	102
October	78	94	230	154	131	122
November	53	55	49	35	38	37
December	111	123	215	138	138	121

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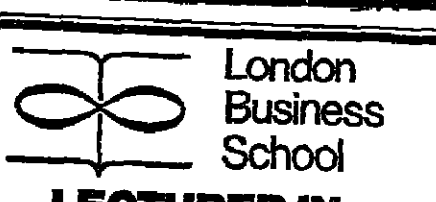
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The Times guide to career development

Starting up or joining up

The large corporation or a smaller company
Edward Fennell looks at a key choice

One of the major dilemmas in career planning is whether to opt or one of the big corporations (on the grounds that they offer opportunities on a larger scale) or to choose a smaller enterprise (because there will be the chance to make a bigger contribution more quickly. It is problem which affects people at all the key decision points – first job, late 20's and mid-career – and clearly there is no single answer.

One of the interesting trends, especially for technologists, is the way that people are now starting to come out of the larger organizations to join smaller or "start-up" companies, because these offer more scope for personal involvement, and the opportunity to follow through one's ideas.

The burgeoning of new possibilities in fields like electronics, computing and biotechnology has produced individuals who are impatient when so many of their proposals are "dumped" because of corporate politics and who are prepared, therefore, to take the risk of pursuing their inventions the "small" way.

Following through

In America, of course, this is represented best in Silicon Valley, where an endless series of companies have generated themselves – often by small groups of researchers going off to set up on their own.

It's happening in Britain too. A recent outcrop from IBM is OTL, which was formed at the end of the 1970s by four development scientists who had a good idea for a new piece of office technology and decided to follow it up themselves. Now they have a staff of 200 (together with their own office-block).

One of the founders, Bob Remington, commented: "One of the chief satisfactions is that one's "hit rate" (ideas which are followed through) is obviously much greater with a smaller company especially if you are a Saunder! I was with IBM for 17 years, so I couldn't have been that unhappy there, but most people are aware that only a very small percentage of their ideas actually get into operation".

It seems that the larger an organization (and the mõre bureaucratic) the greater are the constraints and limitations. It is obvious that unless chaos is to rule the only way for large organizations to function effectively is by being discriminating, encouraging specialization and concentrating their energies.

It is exactly this specialization and the accompanying controls which may not suit everyone, however. A mechanical engineer, for example, who joined the R & E section of a major company in the Midlands, soon became bored with the minute area in which he was operating. He became much happier when he switched to a small Cambridge-based consultancy where he was able to take whole projects through from beginning to end.

There is an obvious parallel in fields like retailing, where the High Street chain stores allow their management to run the organization of their shops but most of the major decisions about buying and marketing and the myriad of personnel, industrial relations and finance matters are dealt with by specialists at headquarters.

Of course in some cases centralization can be a great advantage. Bob Remington commented that IBM was great because he was buffered from all the routine mundane problems – he could just get on with concentrating on his science. In a smaller outfit you may have to take on a whole range of responsibilities which don't really interest you.

Corporate image

The biggest argument for *starting* a career with a big organization is that its training scheme and basic experience is likely to be much more useful than anything a small company can provide. It is well-established that small companies feed off the large corporations when it comes to picking up well-trained staff.

The calibre of training provided by most of Britain's "blue chip" companies is such that their graduate trainees can usually move with no difficulty into other organizations, simply on the strength of having been through the Marks and Spencer, IBM or ICI course. And, as a recent report from the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates commented, "many of those who go straight int employment (after graduating) will in practice be acquiring training and developing skills to fit them later for something else".

Perhaps one of the most teasing issues is the extent to which success (or at least satisfaction) depends on being able to subsume a personal sense of identity and direction within the progress of the company. The very best companies seem to be successful in breeding a keen loyalty in their staff – managers show pride in the way that their company trounces the opposition.

This may not suit everyone. The "dress regulations" (which used to be very strict at IBM for example) and which are still quite obvious in many companies, is just a small indication of the way that recruiters will often employ only those who will correctly reflect the corporate image.

In public most organizations will pooh-pooh the suggestion that they have an "identikit" trainee or middle manager in view, but the reality may be different. It is almost inevitable that most selectors will recruit and promote in their own image, and it is only natural that the rewards should go to those who display keeness for the company's interests.

Small is suspicious

This comes easier to some than others, and whether it be at 22 or 35 the challenge can arise out of the depth of commitment one wants to make.. The big corporation can move you round geographically and expect you to up sticks with your family an go to the other end of the country. But it can also provide the really long promotion ladders which provide the route to the top.

The small company offers greater scope for personal involvement and will offer the chance of making a bigger impact. But it may also bring with it higher risks and perhaps the feeling that one is stuck in the "minor league".

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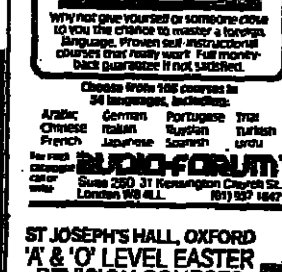
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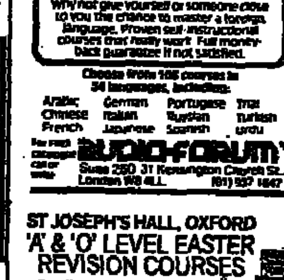
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KNOX on February 22 at Queen Mary's hospital Roehampton to Shirley (née Dixon) and John, a son (Richard), a brother for Christopher

McMULLAN-On February 16 at St Lukes Hospital, Guildford to Dinah (née Bradford) and Malcolm, twin sons James Thomas and William David).

NORMAN. On 19th February 1984 to Georgina (née Peskett) and James, a son (Robert Alexander) brother for Annabel

ORTON – On 21st February, to Annette and David, a son, Thomas Geoffrey, a brother for Christopher.

ROBERTS – On February 24th, to Andrea (née Rambaut) and Charles, a daughter, Philippa Claire.

WENHAM. On 19th February at the Portland Hospital, London to Sally (née Fountaine) and Nicholas, a son James Robert.

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WATTERS, BARRY. Life begins today! Happy birthday and all our love, Susie, Denise and Caroline

DEATHS

CHURCHMAN. – On February 24th, sister Cecilia Mary, of the Ursuline Convent, Wimbledon, formerly headmistress of the Preparatory School, fortified with Rites of Holy Church. Requiem in Convent Chapel, Wednesday, 29th February, at 2 p m followed by interment R.I.P

CLARE On the 18th February at City General Hospital, Leicester, after a short illness, Thomas Charles Hunter Clare, M.A. (Cambridge), aged 73 years. Formerly Rector of Saxelby, Grimsdon & Shoby. Funeral service March 1st at 2pm Saxelby Church. Donations, if desired to Oakham School appeal. Further enquiries to J.W. Hazlewood & Son, Funeral Directors, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray. Tel: Melton Mowbray 812233

HERAIL, Eleanor Frances (née Alderson-Smith) peacefully on February 23rd after a long illness, borne with courage and fortitude, dear mother of René James. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Cloughton, Scarborough on Tuesday February 28th at 12.30pm followed by interment in Manor Road Cemetery. Flowers to B. Bernard & Sons, 3 Prospect Road, Scarborough.

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HOPE VERE – On February 18th 1984, Esme peacefully in hospital. Private cremation has taken place. No letters please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund.

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LEMPRIERE – On February 22nd peacefully at Norwich, Greta Lempriere recently of London and formerly of Great Chesterford, Essex. Loving sister to Joan Blount dearly loved aunt of Barbara Debenham, and much loved aunt, great aunt, and great great aunt. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford on Friday March 2nd at 2.30 followed by cremation. Enquiries to H. Peasgood & Son, 62 Gold Street, Saffron Walden. Tel 23314

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LEGAL NOTICES

TENDVALE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Fenchurch Houses, 105/107 High Road, South Woodford, London E18, on the 12th day of March 1984, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in section 294 and 295 of the said Act, i.e. – 1. The nomination of a Liquidator. 2. The appointment of a Committee of Inspection. General and special forms of proxy are enclosed herewith. Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company, situate at Fenchurch House, 105/107 High Road, South Woodford, London E18 not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the 9th day of March 1984.

Dated this 22nd day of February 1984.

By Order of the Board.
M. BENNETT, Director.

RE: PETER BURWOOD LTD (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named company are required on or before 30th March, 1984 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, D. J. Buchler, F.C.A., of Arthur Andersen & Co. PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT, the Liquidator of the said company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 17th February, 1984.

D. J Buchler
Chartered Accountant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before 30th March, 1984 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned. D. J. Buchler, F.C.A., of Arthur Andersen & Co. PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT, the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 17th February, 1984

D. J. BUCHLER
Chartered Accountant

JACK MICHAEL (MENSWEAR) LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO. situated at 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA, on Wednesday the 7th day of March 1984, at 12.00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.

Dated the 20th day of February 1984

J HARRIS,
Director.

No. 002002 of 1983

In the High Court of JUSTICE Chancery Division, Companies Court. In the matter of Top-O International Dress Manufacturers Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948. By Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated the 12 August 1983, Mr David Llewellyn Morgan of 8 Upper Grosvenor Street, London, Chartered Accountant, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above Company with a Committee of inspection.

Dated this day of February 1984.
DAVID LLEWELLYN MORGAN.

RE SCANLORE PROPERTIES LIMITED. By order of the High Court dated the 20th October 1983. Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 10 Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed liquidator of the above-named company without a committee of inspection.

Dated 22nd February 1984.

RE RUTHWOOD LIMITED. By order of the High Court dated the 23rd November 1983. Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 10 Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed liquidator of the above-named company without a committee of inspection.

Dated 22nd February 1984.

RE BROUGHGRANGE LIMITED. By Order of the High Court dated the 13th July 1983, Neville Eckley, FCA, of 10 Bramley Hill, South Croydon, has been appointed liquidator of the above-named company without a committee of inspection.

Dated 20th February, 1984.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Fern Britton. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; a preview of the day's television at 6.55; a review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; keep fit at 7.25; film and pop record reviews between 7.45 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33.

9.00 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton and Anne Mayo at Barnsdale (shown on Friday.) 9.25 Songs of Praise from Southwark Cathedral (shown yesterday). 10.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School presented by Don Spencer (r). 10.55 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. 12.57. Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Among the guests is singer Roger Daltrey. 1.45 The Flumps. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

2.00 See Hear! A magazine programme for the hearing impaired (shown yesterday) 2.25 Dynasty. Blake finds himself in custody (r). 3.10 Face the Music. Joseph Cooper questions Sue Cook, Robin Ray and David Attenborough (r). 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Magic Roundabout (r) 3.55 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas 4.20 The Adventures of Tin Tin (r). 4.25 Jackanory. Pippa Guard with part one of Susan Coolidge's story, What Katy Did. 4.40 Finders Keepers. General knowledge computer quiz between St Mary's School, Finchley and Bonneville School, Clapham. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Blue Peter

5.40 Sixty Minutes includes news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; weather at 5.54; regional news magazines at 5.55; and news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 Cartoon.

6.50 Rosie. The last episode of the comedy series, written by Roy Clarke, about a pair of comical policemen (r).

7.20 Blue Thunder. The helicopter pilot and his indestructible craft are commissioned by the FBI to find the thieves who have stolen an out-of-date jet fighter. Starring James Farentino as Frank Chaney.

8.10 Panorama: The Electric Shock. David Lomax reports on the background to the proposed two per cent increase in the price of electricity – an industry that expects its profits to double to £750 million.

9.00 News with Sue Lawley.

9.25 Film: The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox (1976) starring George Segal and Goldie Hawn. Segal plays a card sharp-turned robber who decamps with the proceeds of a raid, much to his gang's annoyance. On the run from a posse and the gang he meets singer, Amanda, and this is when his troubles really begin. Directed by Melvyn Frank.

11.05 Film 84 introduced by Barry Norman. There are reviews of the story of the first U.S. astronauts, The Right Stuff; Francis Ford Coppola's Rumble Fish; and a location report from the latest Tarzan adventure plus a review of the best six videos of the month.

11.38 News headlines.

11.40 Wheels of Fire. The sixth programme in the series about development issues in India (r).

12.10 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News from Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sports at 6.35 and 7.35; money news at 6.40 and 8.45; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.05; a guest in the Spotlight at 7.20; cartoon at 7.25; guest of the day at 7.40; pop video at 7.55; star romance at 8.10; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35; the TV-am doctor at 9.05.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: Canadian forest fires. 9.47 Learning to read with Basil Brush. 9.59 The nature and uses of leather. 10.11 Basic maths. 10.31 English: dialect and accent. 11.00 By kayak down the Colorado River. 11.22 Energy for the home. 11.41 A British Asian family have a picnic.

12.00 Alphabet Zoo. Nerys Hughes and Ralph McTell with the Umbrella-bird. 12.10 Let's Pretend to the story of The Messy Man 12.30 Baby and Co. The first of a new eight-part series in which Miriam Stoppard looks at all aspects of baby care from birth to the age of three.

1.00 News with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston. 1.30 My Life. Colin Morris talks to pregnant lesbian Letticia Jones. 2.00 Survival: A Sheltered Existence. The waters of Laguna Madre on coastal Texas where the marine life is threatened by the oil industry (r).

2.30 Snooker. Dickie Davies introduces coverage of the Yamaha Keyboards International Masters, from the Assembly Rooms, Derby 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. Drama from the community advice centre.

4.00 Alphabet Zoo. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 He-man and Masters of the Universe. 4.45 Danger-Marmalade at Work.

5.00 Dangermouse 5.15 Emmerdale Farm.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news

6.25 Help!

6.35 Crossroads. Lisa Walters receives the shock of her life when Paul Ross makes a confession.

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . .? Chris Kelly visits the hilltop Moorish village of Mojacar in Almeria, southern Spain, while Judith Chalmers goes down a lead mine and tastes caravan holidaying in Aberystwyth. Guest presenter Peter Marshall concludes his family narrow boat holiday in Cheshire.

7.30 Coronation Street. Fred Gee's new-found authority is beginning to corrupt him even more.

8.00 Duty Free Comedy series about two British couples on holiday in Spain.

8.30 World in Action: Gross Misconduct. The story of a Welsh businessman's fight to have his solicitor struck off the legal register. (see Choice)

9.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer. Private detective Hammer, on the trail of the killer of a close friend, discovers that other private detectives are on the killer's hit-list.

10.00 News.

10.30 Snooker. Steve Davis is in action tonight at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, in the Yamaha Keyboards International Masters Tournament.

12.15 Night Thoughts from the Rev. Allan G. Scott, rector of St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington.

George Reid, presenter of The Stateless Nations: BBC 2, 7.40pm

CHOICE

● With the help of stunning micro-photography and illuminating graphics tonight's Horizon, CONQUEST OF THE PARASITES (BBC2 9.30pm) clearly brings home the reasons why a quarter of the world's population are debilitated victims of the minute organisms that live in their body. Of the many types of parasite only those producing malaria are capable of causing death but the rest are responsible for a whole range of deformities from elephantiasis to river blindness. What is being done to help alleviate the suffering? Up until now the answer was nothing. Tropical diseases are not a profitable line of business for the pharmaceutical companies, as the very countries that need the medicines cannot afford to fund the research or pay for the results. But there is now help on the way from organizations like the Rockefeller Foundation who have brought together a group of former 'closet altruists' – a Foundation spokesman's description – who are experts in molecular biology and have begun to develop vaccines in place of the failed insecticides and drug therapy. Thanks to their efforts it is hoped that by the end of the year a vaccine will have been developed to cure a particularly virulent form of malaria that is responsible for a million deaths a year. A hopeful ending to a fascinating programme written and produced by Jon Palfreman who must be congratulated on making clear an extremely complex subject

● Granada's World in Action tonight aims a highly critical shaft in the direction of the Law Society.

GROSS MISCONDUCT (ITV 8.30pm) examines the case of Welsh businessman, Leslie Parsons, who, six years ago was overcharged by his solicitor the staggering sum of £130,000 in a bill of £200,000. Last year Mr Parsons won his case in the High Court and in October his solicitor was struck off the legal register. But why did the investigations take six years to complete? Persistent complaints to the Law Society were repeatedly rejected, conduct that seems to World in Action to point to the Society being reluctant to carry out its responsibility to investigate complaints against the profession.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Music: Score reading. 6.30 Work and retirement. 6.55 Maths: The Binomial Theorem. 7.20 Ecology. 7.45 Telecommunications: Modulation. Ends at 8.10.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.10 Daytime on Two: Courses offered by agricultural colleges. 9.38 Working in Leominster area. 10.00 You and me. 10.15 Music: A West Indian song. 10.38 The story of Keir Hardie. 11.00 What is Time? 11.23 Talkabout. 11.42 Genetics and society.

12.10 Folk guitar for beginners. 12.25 The science behind gardening. 12.50 The Youth Training Scheme in action (ends at 1.15). 1.20 Rural and urban Italy. 1.38 Scottish archive film. 2.01 Words and pictures. 2.18 Science: cells. 2.40 the brass section of a symphony orchestra.

3.00 Ceefax.

5.10 They'll Not Stand with Nellie. An Open University-made documentary in which the people of the Yorkshire mill town of Keighley talk about education past and present (r).

5.35 News summary with subtitles.

5.40 Film: Murder Over New York: (1940) starring Sidney Toller as Charlie Chan in the last of the present series of Chan mysteries. This week he investigates the poison gas murder of a Scotland Yard detective in New York on the trail of an international saboteur. Directed by Hart Jones.

6.45 International Tennis. Highlights of the final of the Women's US Indoor Championship from Livingstone, New Jersey. The commentators are John Barrett and Ann Jones.

7.40 The Stateless Nations. The third programme of the series and George Reid presents the story of the French speaking Italians of Val d'Aosta.

8.10 Leo. The guests for this last programme in the series are Peter Skellern, Tina Turner and Bonnie Tyler.

9.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall with Maureen Lipman and Roy Marsden try to outwit Frank Muir, Julia McKenzie and Melvyn Bragg.

9.30 Horizon: Conquest of the Parasites. The story of the efforts made by molecular biologists to develop vaccines to conquer the creatures that have affected hundreds of millions of people (see Choice).

10.20 A Fight To Remember. Harry Carpenter introduces boxing action featuring John Conteh, Chris Finnegan and Lennie Bennett.

10.50 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the stories that made the day's headlines.

11.35 Open University: Poetry: Blake the Artist. 12.00 Ontario: Land Use. Ends at 12.30.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 People's Court. The Honorable Joseph A Wapner passes judgement on two more cases that were destined for the California Municipal Court before the plaintiffs and the defendants decided they would like to be instant television celebrities. Today the retired judge rules on the cases of The Unshowable Show Dog and . . . But I Don't Want to go to Paris.

5.25 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. Mary tries to help a former professional football player get the job of sports announcer at the station where she works.

6.00 Here's Lucy. Tonight she meets Mr and Mrs Burton who are on the run from screaming fans. Richard is dressed as a plumber so the scatterbrained Lucy tries hire him to mend a leaky tap.

6.30 Make It Count. Fred Harris with another programme in the series designed to assist those whose mind goes blank at the thought or sight of figurework. The subjects today are division and addition (r)

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons includes a report from Patrick Bishop on the political row brewing over the proposed sale of council homes designed for the elderly.

7.50 Comment. With his personal view on a matter of topical importance is barrister, Geoffrey Robertson.

8.00 Basketball – The Wimpey Homes League. Simon Reed and Miles Aiken present live coverage from the Spectrum Arena of the second half of the game between Warrington and Sunderland.

9.00 The Heart of the Dragon. The fifth programme of the fascinating series deals with Eating. For the Chinese the preparation of the family meal is the most important ritual of the day. Chinese eating habits could be an object lesson for countries with rising populations and decreasing natural resources who may have to adapt to the Chinese, mainly vegetable, diet.

10.00 St Elsewhere. The usually dour Dr Craig falls for the alluring charms of attractive Hungarian surgeon, Vera Anya. But is wife is looming large on the horizon and be prepares for one last romantic meal with Anya before she arrives. In another sub-plot Dr Chandler is still wrangling with the family of the man who dies in his care while Dr White continues his course of self-destructive through drugs and reckless driving.

11.00 The Eleventh Hour: Pictures of Women – Sexuality. Members of Rights of Women, Women's Aid and London Rape Crisis Centre discuss the issues surrounding rape and violence in marriage. Presented by Carol Smart.

11.55 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Week from the North. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.0, 8.0 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week On 4. A look ahead with Laurie MacMillian.
8.43 Angus McDermid in the BBC Sound Archives 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start The week With Richard Baker at the Opera House, Jersey, in Channel Islands. †
10.00 News; Money Box.
10.30 Morning Story: The Launch by Dougie Orr.
10.45 Daily Service from Manchester led by the Rev Kenneth Stevenson with a choir from Chetham's School of Music.
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way visits Ramsgate, Kent.
11.48 Poetry Please! presented by Vernon Scannell. The readers are Norman Rodway and June Barrie.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice presented by Patti Coldwell.
12.27 Don't Stop Now – It's Fundation (r). Non-stop cabaret with Joe Griffiths, Gareth Hale, Norman Pace, Terry Morrison and Maryanne Morgan. 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour presented by Sue MacGregor. Natalia Karp remembers how a Chopin nocturne saved her life in a German concentration camp; Sean Arnold reads part three of W. J. Burley's story, Wycliffe and the Pea-green boat.
3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre (r). The Geneva Run by Michael Davies. A mystery story about a British armaments expert who disappears while attending talks in Geneva. Starring George Baker and Ian Saynor.
4.30 Zoo Talk. Zoo vet David Taylor warns against playing with the magnificent tiger.
4.40 Story Time: Vera by Elizabeth Von Arnium. Abridged in ten parts A gruesome tale of a marriage between a young girl and a jealous, possessive, middle aged widower.
5.00 News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 The News Quiz (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 In Business with Peter Hobday.
7.50 Forgive Us Our Press Passes. Ian Skidmore reads the first of five extracts from his unreliable autobiography.
8.00 The Monday Play: Never in My Lifetime, by Shirley Gee. A welcome repeat of the play about a young British soldier and the Belfast girl with whom he falls in love. Starring Robert Glenister and Maggie Shevlin.
9.30 Science Through the Looking Glass! Mad Inventors. Why is the inventor the butt of a lot of English humour, after all inventions mean progress? David Jones examines the nutty and the not-so-nutty inventors to try and find the answer.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts Magazine.
9.59 Weather.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Lost Domain by Alain-Fournier. Abridged in 15 parts.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Close: Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND VHF with above except 6.25-6.30am Weather: Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: 10.45 Hallo! Wie Geht's? 11.00 Music Makers. 11.20 Let's Move! 11.40 Johnny Ball's Maths Games. 11.50 Poetry Corner. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 2.0-3.0 For Schools: 2.00 Playtime. 2.15 Introducing Science. 2.35 Noticeboard. 2.40 Listening to Music 2: Music Projects. 5.50-5.55pm (continued). 11.00 Study On 4: Patients' Guide to the NHS (last of eight programmes). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: 12.30 General Studies: Radio.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Humperdinck Overture Hansel and Gretel; Debussy's Petite Suite (piano duet version), Dvorak's Bagatelles Op 47 Prokofiev's Suite Love of Three Oranges, Op 33a (Los Angeles Philharmonic Orch). †8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Rossini's Sonata No 6 in D (Berlin Philharmonic Orch, Karajan); Philip Radcliffe's Piano Concerto in F sharp min Op 20 (Vladimir Ashkenazy). †9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Bach's last two decades, 1685-1750. Partita No 1 in B flat (Gustav Leonhardt, harpsichord); St Anne Prelude and Fugue in E flat (Ralph Downes, organ); Italian style Concerto (Blandine Verlet, harpsichord). †
10.00 Coull String Quartet. Mendelssohn Quartet in A min, Op 13. †
10.35 Bach in arrangement. Arr Stokowski, Aus der Tiefe ruf ich; arr Brahms, Chaconne in D min; orch Webern, Ricercar (musical offering). †
11.05 English Songs. Maldwyn Davies (tenor), Iain Ledingham (piano). Quilter, Frank Bridge, Warlock. †
11.40 Concerto of Sir Arthur Bliss. Cello concerto (Alexander Baillie, cello). Also Walton's Music for Children, Delius's North Country Sketches. BBC Scottish Symphony Orch, conducted by Norman del Mar. †1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square. Andras Schiff (piano) and English Chamber Orch (conducted by George Malcom), play Mozart's Piano Concertos in E flat maj (K 271) and C min (K491). †
2.20 Music Weekly. Twentieth Century Musical History, Joshua Rifkin on the Bach B Min Mass, and music in Albania. †
3.10 New Records. Brahms Hungarian Dances No 1 (Leipzig Gewandhaus Orch, conducted by Kurt Masur); Schumann's Du bist wie eine Blume (Friedrich Schorr, bar) and Die Lotosblume (Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, bar); Glinka's String Quartet in F (Prague Quartet); Brahms songs; Elgar Symph No 1 (Philharmonic Orch, conducted by Bernard Haitink). †4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure; Natalie Wheen with music by, for or with women. †
6.30 Music for organ. Simon Lindley at Leeds Town Hall. Works by Flor Peeters. †
7.15 Birmingham Choir and Symph Orch concert part one: Christopher Robinson conducts Verdi's Four Sacred Pieces. †
7.55 A procession of Friends. Fanny Burney's diary.
8.10 Birmingham concert part two: Howells's Hymnus Paradisi. †
9.00 Beethoven. Alan Berg Quartet play quartets in F maj, Op 18 No 1, in B Flat maj, Op 133, and in E min Op 59 No 2. † (Interval reading at 9.45).
10.30 Jazz Today. Charles Fox presents Evan Parker Trio.
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

VHF: Open University. 6.15am-6.55, 6.15 Psychosexual Identity. 6.35 Constructive Criticism. 11.30pm-12.00am, 11.30, Sociology of Religion. 11.40 Introduction to Calculus.

Radio 2

4am Bill Rennells. † 5.30 Ray Moore. † 6.15 Pause for Thought. † 7.30 Terry Wogan. † 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 10.00 Jimmy Young. † 12pm Steve Jones incl. 1.05 Sport. † 2.00 Gloria Hunniford incl. 2.2; 3.2 Sport. † 3.30 Music All the Way. † 4.00 David Hamilton incl 4.2; 5.5 Sport. † 6.00 John Dunn incl 6.20 Sport. † 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era. † 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz. † 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Monday Movie Quiz with Ray Moore. 10.30 Star Sound with Nick Jackson and soundtrack requests. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1am Patrick Lunt presents Nightride. † 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2. †

Radio 1

6am Gary Davies. 7.00 Adrian John. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, incl. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2pm Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, incl. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel. † VHF Radios 1 and 2 4am With Radio 2. 10pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Arthur Rubenstein. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. 10.15 Short Story. 10.30 Rock Salad. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Anna of the Five Towns. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Pop the Question. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Country Style. 1.45 Past Impressions. 2.30 A Night to Remember. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 A Talent to Amuse. 4.30 A Sense of Place. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 5.15 Just a Minute. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Anna of the Five Towns. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 A Talent to Amuse. 11.30 Pop the Question. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Women of the World. 1.00 Waveguide. 1.10 Paperback Choice. 1.15 Outlook: News. 1.45 Short Takes. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Rock Back the Clock. 5.45 The World Today.
(All times in GMT)



John Dunn has as his special guest this evening Leonard Rossiter who talks about his career and his latest role in Loot (Radio 2 6.00pm)

BBC 1 WALES: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 6.50-7.20 Focus on Rugby. 12.10am News and weather. SCOTLAND: 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 6.50-7.20 Superscot. 11.40-12.10am Fealla Dha Sa' Tri. 12.10 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 6.50-7.20 Channel One. 12.10am News and weather. ENGLAND: 5.55pm Regional news magazines: 6.50-7.20 East – Commuter Quiz. Midlands – Midlands Sounds. North – Making Moves. North East – Off the Peg. North West – Yes. South – Hey Look . . . That's Me! South West – Matrix. West – R.P.M. 12.15am Close.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Ffenestri. 2.20 Nodi. 2.35 Daearyddiaeth. 2.55 Interval. 3.25 Film: Tugboat Annie (Marie Dressler). 4.55 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.00 Helfa Drysor. 5.30 Barriers. 6.00 Avengers. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Y 'Stafell Ddirgel. 7.55 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn. 8.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Jewel in the Crown. 10.00 Well Being. 10.40 Love Sidney. 11.10 Irish Angle. 11.40 Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Survival. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Private Benjamin. 12.15. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 2.00-2.30 Paris by Night. 5.15-5.45 Mr Smith. 6.00 News. 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 12.15am Living Water, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Poseidon Files. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00 News. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Crown Green Bowls. 11-15-12.15am Snooker.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.00-2.30 Nature of things. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 10.30 Session Folk. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Gypsy Warriors. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.20am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Survival. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Private Benjamin. 12.15am Postcript. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 That's Hollywood. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Citizen 84. 12.15am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 James Galway. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Enterprize 84. 12.15am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Entertainers. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Mr and Mrs. 12.15am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 That's Hollywood. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Crime Desk. 6.45-7.00 Showcase. 10.30 Preview. 11.00 Late Call. 11.10 Snooker. 12.15am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Farming Brief. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 Gossip. 2.05 Battles of Flowers. 2.35 Snooker. 3.30-4.00 The Sullivans. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.45-7.00 Airmail. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00pm-2.30 Struggle Beneath the Sea. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Survival. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am Personal View. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Through the Eyes of a Child. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30-7.00 Top Club. 10.30 Living and Growing for Adults. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am News, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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Entertainments

US base is left to Gemayel's enemies

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diplomatic personnel working at the British Embassy on the west Beirut sea front. The Americans fear that these Marines may find themsleves under fire if the Druze or Shia Muslims feel that President Reagan has not fully extricated himself from Lebanon.

This makes the decision to order the New Jersey to fire its 16in guns yesterday all the more puzzling. The Americans later claimed that the vessel was firing at Syrian artillery and missile batteries around the town of Hammana. The Syrians said their positions had come under attack, although they did not mention missiles.

Since Druze militiamen protect the remaining Marines at the embassy in Beirut, the naval policy does not appear to be a dangerous one. Furthermore, American residents still in the capital are becoming increasingly concerned that their lives – far from being protected by such barrages – may be endangered if the US Navy keeps up its bombardment in support of Mr Gemayel's regime.

● A French soldier of the multinational force was killed today when a French post on the southern outskirts of Beirut came under shellfire, a French military spokesman said (AFP reports).

Helicopter crashes in kidnap area

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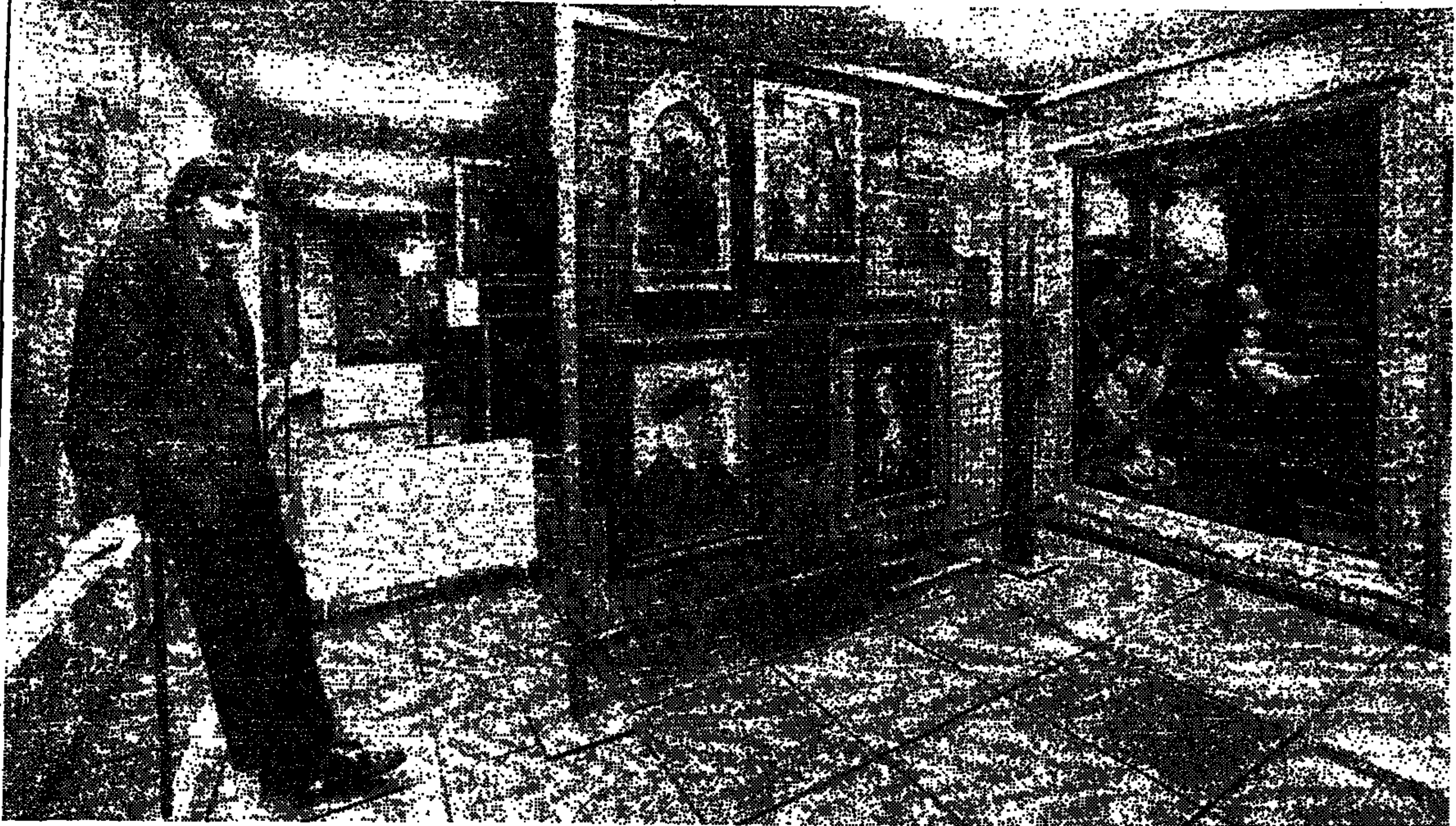
mercenaries held in a Luanda jail since 1976. Unita will almost certainly demanded the release of these prisoners in exchange for their new British hostages.

● LISBON: Unita sources here yesterday claimed to have no further news of the British captives but expressed confidence that they would be kept safe even though the Unita communique announcing their capture had served warning that any rescue attempt by air or land would have "serious consequences for the hostages."

The sources added that the hostages' release would depend on "what happens in the diplomatic field."

Reports reaching London have referred to a half-hour gun battle at the Kafunfu mine on Thursday

Rescuing Rubens and Botticelli from vaults



Out of sight: Dr Dennis Farr, director of the Courtauld Art Gallery, in the vaults with some of its famous paintings, stored for lack of space.

The Courtauld launches an appeal for £3m

By Bryan Appleyard

The Courtauld Institute of Art today launches an appeal to raise more than £3m to finance its move to the north block of Somerset House in the Strand.

The move, which will finally bring the Courtauld's famous collection and its students under one roof, will give London an important new art gallery.

It will also solve the problem of what to do with the Fine Rooms at Somerset House. They have been used only for occasional exhibitions since they were vacated by the Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages 10 years ago.

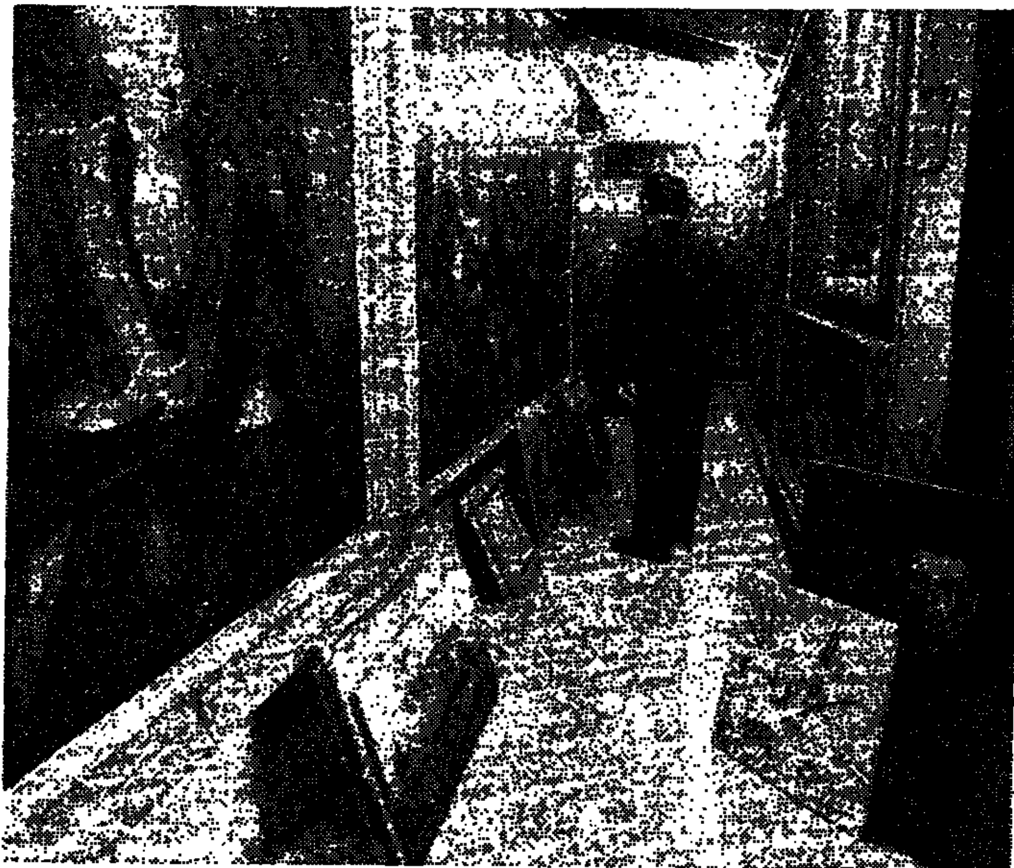
The Courtauld, which as part of London University, hopes to raise the cash by the end of this year. It already had £500,000, and a promised gift should bring that to £750,000. The appeal is launched tonight at dinner attended by Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts.

The total Courtauld collection consists of 468 paintings, 50 *objets d'art* and 5,000 drawings. At its present galleries in Woburn Square only about 40 per cent of the pictures can be displayed at any one time. A large part of the original bequest of French impressionists, which came from the institute's founder, Samuel Courtauld, as well as works by Rubens, Tiepolo and Botticelli are spending most of their lives in the vaults.

At Somerset House about 80 per cent of the collection will be displayed. Space will soon be short even there, however, because the Courtauld expects to receive another 130 items from the Lillian Browse collection of late nineteenth century English and French paintings.

About half the money raised by the appeal will go towards refurbishing the gallery space and the rest will be used to move the institute's facilities for 250 students and 26 teaching staff at present housed in Portman Square.

Mr Denis Farr, director of the galleries, said they hoped the big charitable institutions would respond well to the appeal. There had already been big individual contributions.



More paintings stored in the Courtauld's vaults. Photographs by Brian Harris.

Letter from Grenada

Relics of a regime hooked on rhetoric

Bloody shirts and pants, flags, toy hats, a crucifix, a parliamentary wig, a Wedgwood coffee set, a picture of laughing looters and emergency proclamations: the relics of Grenada's extraordinary decade of self-government are laid out neatly in glass cases in the island's museum in St George's.

There is an independence case, a Gairy case, a Day of Infamy case, a revolution case.

The independence case has a coffee set and silver tray, the gift of Britain, against a backdrop of the last Union Jack and the first Grenadian flag, with its little nutmeg device to honour the spice island's important crop. There is also the speaker's wig, shoulder length, symbolic of the parliamentary democracy that was soon to be a sham.

The Gairy case contains some of the things that Maurice Bishop's revolutionaries found in the home of Sir Eric Gairy, the Prime Minister they overthrew: yellow and blue academic robes, an egg-yellow mortar board, a toy Mexican hat, a rubber doll with a silly face, a crucifix, and a novel entitled *Who Killed Enoch Powell?*

The Day of Infamy case has the relics of a day when Maurice Bishop and others, protesting against the Gairy Government, clashed with soldiers. It has Bishop's bloodstained shirt, trousers and red underpants.

There is a large grey stone, captioned "The stone responsible for bursting Maurice Bishop's head, November 18, 1973". Nearby is a picture of Bishop's father, shot dead during the demonstration on what became known as "Bloody Sunday".

The revolutions case is filled with photographs recording the New Jewel Movement's seizure of power on March 13, 1979.

Here, too, are the pamphlets and rhetoric of the new order. In the way of such revolutions the authors talk not of the people but of "the masses", as if distancing themselves from, and depersonalizing, the ordinary folk. It seems absurd, in an island of only 110,000 people, where the demographic and electoral division is the parish, to talk of the masses.

But there was always a certain unreality about the revolution, and it became trapped by its own rhetoric.

The New Jewel Movement was essentially a bourgeois party dressed up with Marxist clothing. It got on reasonably well with the local capitalists, and the private sector played the dominant part in the economy. In the meantime, the People's Party wasted money on propaganda and quangos, and, finally, left the country broke.

Many of those who knew Maurice Bishop well, and knew him from his days as a law student in London, do not think he was a Marxist and classify him as a sort of social democrat. They certainly think he had a more realistic outlook than many of his colleagues. But that was the problem: among those at the top of the party there was stronger adherence to the rhetoric.

The famous airport put Bishop into a corner. Grenadians, and the party leaders, saw it as an economic panacea, the conduit of tourist gold. But Caribbean tourism depends to a considerable extent on Americans, and Grenada's anti-American rhetoric, and Washington's suspicion of the regime, created an obvious difficulty.

That was one reason why the Bishop tried to defrost his relationship with the United States last year; he needed help for his hard-pressed economy. But his action caused resentment in the party. His hardline colleagues, who wanted tourism and also wanted to be anti-American, and perhaps wanted more power, too, were tangled in their own rhetoric.

Bishop was hauled over the coals. At an emotional party meeting in September he admitted he had been petit bourgeois and accepted the criticism of the comrades. He was warmly embraced. Within a few weeks he was under house arrest and then executed

The little museum has kept up to date with history and has exhibits from the liberation: pictures of the American soldiers who captured that controversial airport, of glum prisoners, of the proclamations made by the Queen's man, Sir Paul Scoon, of Grenadians welcoming their liberators, of islanders merrily looting a food store on the quayside of one of the prettiest harbours in the Caribbean.

Trevor Fishlock

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New Exhibitions

Francis Dempsey–watercolours Tom Craig paintings; Ayr Photographic Society; Three exhibitions at the Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat, 11 to 5. (Dempsey ends March 22, Craig March 21 and Ayr Photographic March 17).

Michael Kenna photographs; Arts Centre, Town Hall, Bampton, Oxfordshire: Tues to Sat 10.30 to 1 and 2.30 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (closed today & Wed) (ends March 18).

Constructivism in Poland 1923-36, an exhibition of abstract painting and sculpture, photography, architecture and design, Kettle's Yard Gallery, Northampton Street, Cambridge; Mon–Sat 12.30 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30. (ends April 8).

Music

Piano recital by Walter Klein, St. David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30

Talks, lectures

What is brewing in tree leaves? by Dr Whittaker, Lecture Room, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences, University of Durham, South Road, Durham City, 5.15.

General

General Synod of the Church of England, Church House, Dean's Yard, London SW1, 5 to 7, Feb 28 & 29 10 to 1 & 2.30 to 7, Mar 1 9.30 to 1 & 2.30 to 6. (ends March 1).

Exhibitions in progress

Watercolours: Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, the King's House, 65, The Close, Salisbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (5 during April), closed Sun (ends April 27).

Images in a Studio by Bohuslav Barlow, Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster; Mon to Fri, 10 to 5, Sat, 10 to 5, closed Sun (ends March 10).

Turbans, Textiles, Pots and Painting, Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield Street, Walsall; Mon to Fri, 10 to 6, Sat, 10 to 4.45, closed Sun (ends March 10).

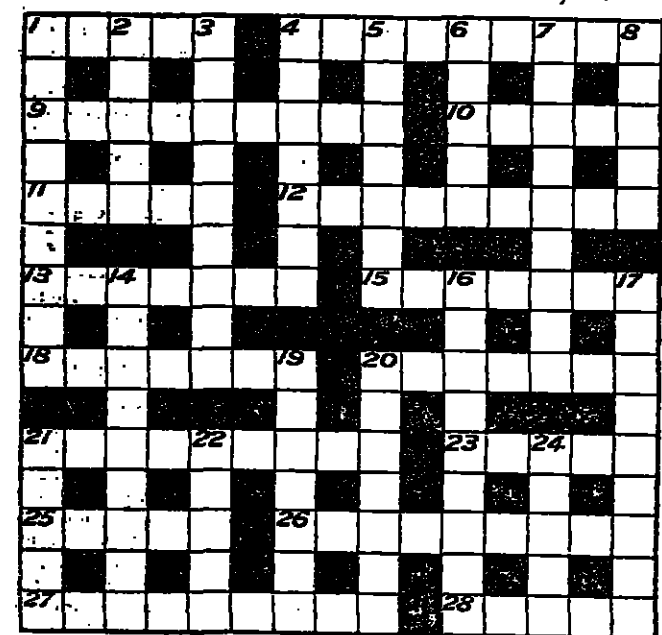
Flesh and Stone, an exhibition of sculpture, Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat, 10 to 5, Sun, 2 to 5 (ends March 11).

Room for Thought: eight works for contemplation, Oriel-Welsh Arts Council Gallery, 53 Charles St, Cardiff; Mon to Sat, 9 to 5.30, closed Sun (ends March 17).

Anniversaries

Births: Constantine the Great, Naissus, Moesia (Nis, Yugoslavia) 280; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Portland, Maine, USA, 1807; Dame Ellen Terry, actress, Coventry, 1847; Rudolph Steiner, scientist, Kraljevic, Austria, 1861; Sir Hubert Parry, composer, Bournemouth, 1848. Deaths: John Evelyn, silviculturalist and diarist, Wotton, Surrey, 1706; Ivan Pavlov, physiologist, Leningrad, 1936. The first conference of the Labour Party was held in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, 1900.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,365



ACROSS

1 Supporter of fishermen in strike? (5).
4 AA branch repairs many a vehicle (9).
9 Wag turns back on Scot – very severe (9).
10 "The Count of Monte Cristo", perhaps (5).
11 Commonplace article written in work-room – returned (5).
12 After a change of heart, carry on operations for the Bank (9).
13 Desert players in a cricket side (7).
15 Turn to account some brilliant achievement (7).
18 Decline to get rid of the smell? (7).
20 Wandered through the East – dry parts (7).
21 The sort of joke that is feasible (9).
23 Girl-friend follows point (5).
25 Embodiment of David's "triumph of hope over experience"? (5).
26 Main stop in USA (9).
27 Servant is rude – man has to be replaced (9).
28 Polite sherry parties taking place in Surrey (5).

DOWN

1 Perhaps left wood to make furniture (–).
2 Further profit? (5).
3 What chuck was to be innocent of (*Macbeth*) (9).
4 Feature about pasture of S America (7).
5 Isn't commonly concerned with direction of course (7).
6 Letter writer shows a bit of irritation (5).
7 Like the attempt to hold up Dr No by science (9).
8 A feature of some sauce? (5).
14 A born composer – of water music? (9).
16 A sort of naval overseer? (9).
17 Toy found by tree – Dad went mad (5-4).
19 Upset at a number going to crib composition (7).
20 Given comfort when fastened thus (7).
21 Simple French food – about a pound (5).
22 Try to make sense of it (5).
24 Fish without a pool (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,364 will appear next Saturday

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Nature notes

Most yellowhammers are still in their winter flocks; but the buff tips of their feathers have worn away, and the head and breast of the males are now a sparkling, uniform yellow, very conspicuous in the bare hawthorn hedges. As they fly away they give a soft, rattling call. A few have already left the flocks and started to sing.

Wrens are singing more vigorously, and the first songs of chaffinches and greenfinches are to be heard, though the cold winds have been discouraging them. Dippers are starting to explore nest-sites, in the banks of streams or under bridges. They fly from stone to stone, swim, or even walk under water, on the bed of the stream, as they search for small fish and aquatic larvae.

Lesser celandines are coming into flower: the leaves lie flat on the ground, and the buttery yellow stars stand above them. Flowers are growing thicker on the gorse bushes. Many badgers have come out of hibernation, and some of the sows are gathering moss and grass for that part of the underground "set" where the cubs will be born. Rabbits are already breeding.

DJM

The papers

The Sunday Mail, of Harare, Zimbabwe, says that it would be palpable self-deception for the South Africans to construe the signing of the proposed non-aggression pact with Mozambique as an acceptance of the system of apartheid. "Lest we are misunderstood, we hasten to state that we are in no way poo-poohing the agreement to sign the pact. We salute it and the spirit behind it – the search for peace and coexistence in the region."

Commenting on El Salvador the Washington Post says: "the US Administration's request nearly to triple military aid to El Salvador is now before Congress . . . The Result is to raise the one-year military figure for El Salvador from $65m to $178m, as part of a five-year aid package of $8,000m for Central America as a whole . . . There must be a greater emphasis on a political solution. Congress, which sets into the foreign policy business mostly by its power of the purse, can do little here. Only the executive can effectively apply American power to a diplomatic purpose . . ."

National Day

The Dominican Republic, the eastern part of the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean, celebrates its independence today. Santo Domingo, as it used to be known, broke away from Spain in 1821 and for most of the next 20 years or so came under the domination of the Haitians who occupy the other half of the island. The Dominicans finally won their independence from Haiti in 1844.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes announced on Saturday, are: £100,000, 11SW113303 (the winner lives in West Sussex); £50,000, 2FS123056 (Westminster); £25,000, 3YB792082 (Angus).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on GCHQ.

Lords (2.30): Cable and Broadcasting Bill, report, first day.

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Roads

Midlands: A34: Delay possible in Guild Street, Stratford. M5: Lane closures north and southbound between junction 4 (Birmingham SW) and junction 5 (Droitwich). A42: Traffic signals on Market Harborough-Lutterworth road at Lubenham.

North: A41: Kerbing work at Christleton Mill and Great Boughton, Chester. A562: Single line traffic at Sankey Brook, Warrington. A63: Roadworks at Elishaw, 3 miles north-east of Bellingham.

Scotland: A91: One lane on north side of St Andrews. A92: One lane between A914 and 919 junctions, south of Tay Road Bridge, Fife. A92: Northbound carriageway closed 1 mile north of Glenrothes, Fife: two way on southbound.

Information supplied by AA

The week's walks

Today

Riverside Pubs, Prisons and Hidden Paths, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30. Streets paved with gold, (full day tour) includes visit to the London Money Market, Stock Exchange, Guildhall, meet Fenchurch Street Station (main line) 11, (also Friday). An evening in Dickens London, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.

Tomorrow

Ghosts of the City, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30. Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Underground, (Kingsway exit), 9.50 (also Wed and Thurs).

Wednesday

Historic Westminster, meet Westminster Underground, 11, (also Sunday). The Charm of Chelsea, meet Sloane Square Underground, 2. Historic St. James's, Clubs and Pubs Spectacular, meet Green Park Underground, 7.30. Legal London, includes visit to the Old Bailey, Inns of Court and Royal Courts of Justice, meet St Paul's Underground, 11 (full day tour). A Journey through Dickens' London, meet Embankment Underground, 11. An Historic Pub Walk - Old Bailey, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30.

Thursday

British Museum Visit, meet main of steps of Museum, 11. Kensington Palace Visit, meet outside Queensway Underground, 2.

Friday

The Famous Square Mile - 2000 Years of History, meet St Paul's Underground, 11.

Saturday

Wren, Pepys and the Great Fire, meet Tower Hill Underground, 2.30 The Royal Charm of Chelsea Village, meet Sloane Square Underground, 2.30. The City in the Blitz, meet St Paul's Underground, 11.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.62	1.54
Austria Sch	28.45	26.85
Belgium Fr	85.00	81.00
Canada $	1.88	1.81
Denmark Kr	14.70	14.00
Finland Mkk	8.69	8.29
France Fr	12.25	11.75
Germany DM	3.99	3.81
Greece Dr	164.00	154.00
Hongkong $	11.70	11.10
Ireland Pt	1.30	1.24
Italy Lira	2470.00	2370.00
Japan Yen	357.00	341.00
Netherlands Gld	4.53	4.31
Norway Kr	11.58	10.98
Portugal Esc	200.00	190.00
South Africa Rd	1.96	1.82
Spain Pta	227.00	218.00
Sweden Kr	12.00	11.40
Switzerland Fr	3.31	3.14
USA $	1.51	1.46
Yugoslavia Dnr	211.00	201.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 342.6.

London: The *FT* index closed 8.9 up at 815.8.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 30.47 up on Friday at 1165.10.

Weather

A depression will be slow-moving near SE England as a weakening frontal trough crosses Scotland and Northern Ireland from the Atlantic.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N, NE England, East Anglia, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, some sleet or snow, especially on hills, wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 3-4C (37-39F).

SW, NW, England, S, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mostly cloudy, a little rain, sleet or snow in places, wind N, light; max temp 4-5C (39-41F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyle, Northern Ireland: Mainly cloudy, a little rain or drizzle in places later, wind variable, light; max temp 5-7C (41-45F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, becoming brighter and drier later; wind SW veering W light or moderate; max temp 5-7C (41-45F).

Outbreak for tomorrow and Wednesday: Scotland and Northern Ireland, cloudy with rain, becoming brighter with wintry showers. England and Wales becoming brighter and drier, further cloud and rain later; night frost in places.

SEA PASSAGES: S. North sea, Straits of Dover: Wind N.E. fresh or strong perhaps increasing gale at times later; sea moderate to rough. English channel (E): Wind N. fresh or strong; sea moderate to rough. St. Georges's channel: Wind fresh or strong; sea slight to moderate. Irish sea: Wind N moderate o fresh; sea slight.

Sun rises: 6.52 am	Sun sets: 5.36 pm
Moon rises: 5.22 am	Moon sets: 12.48 pm

New Moon: March 2.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	3	37	Guernsey	Sl	3	37
Birmingham	Sl	2	36	Inverness	c	4	39
Blackpool	r	3	37	Jersey	c	2	36
Bristol	Sn	2	36	London	c	3	37
Cardiff	c	3	37	Manchester	c	3	37
Edinburgh	c	3	37	Newcastle	Sl	3	37
Glasgow	c	3	37	Ronaldsway	c	4	39

Lighting-up time

London 6.06 pm to 6.20 am
Bristol 6.16 pm to 6.29 am
Edinburgh 6.11 pm to 6.39 am
Manchester 6.11 pm to 6.31 am
Penzance 6.29 pm to 6.40 am

London

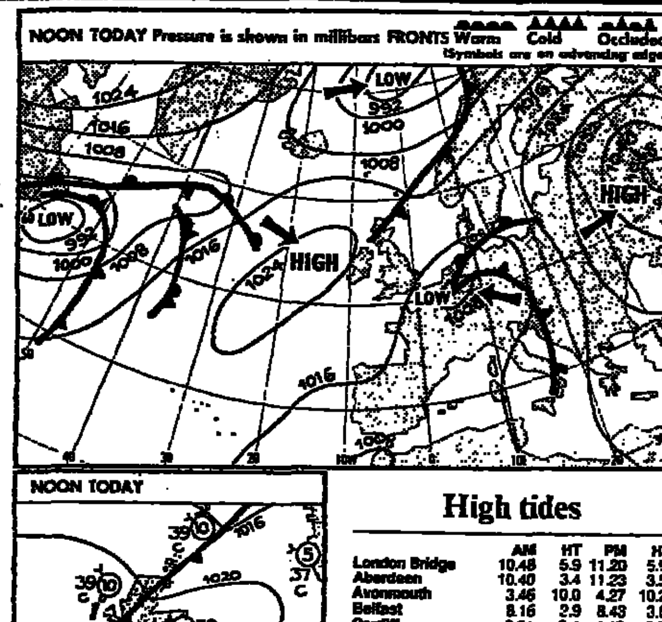
Saturday: Highest day temp: Butt of Lewis 11C (52F); lowest day max: Cellar Head (Stoke-on-Trent) -3C (27F); Highest rainfall: Valley (Anglesey) 0.08in; highest sunshine: Tenbes 2.6hr.

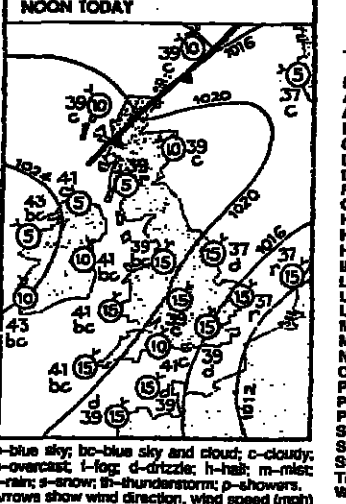
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Kinloss 9C (48F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Neist Point (Skye) 0.23in; highest sunshine: Penzance 2.3hr.

Highest and lowest

Saturday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 4C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.0in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level: 6pm, 1026.0 millibars, falling.

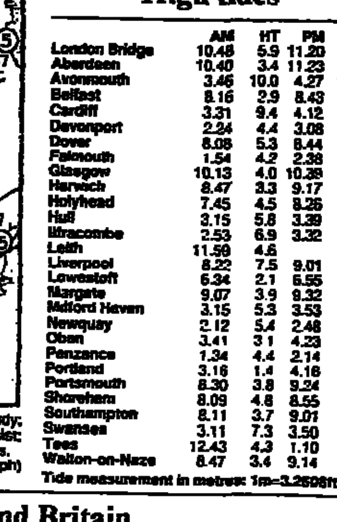
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 3C (37F): min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6pm, 91 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.0hr. Bar, mean sea level: 6pm, 1016.4 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

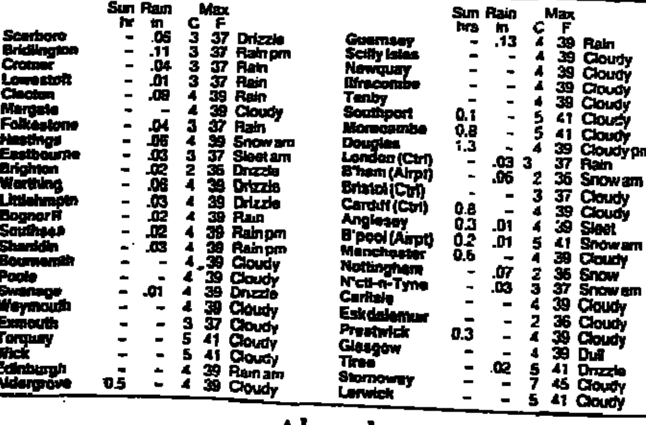
High tides



	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.48	5.9	11.20	5.9
Aberdeen	10.40	3.4	11.23	3.5
Avonmouth	3.46	10.0	4.27	10.2
Belfast	8.16	2.9	8.43	3.0
Cardiff	3.31	9.4	4.12	9.5
Devonport	2.24	4.4	3.08	4.3
Dover	8.08	5.3	8.44	5.4
Falmouth	1.54	4.2	2.38	4.1
Glasgow	10.13	4.0	10.39	3.9
Harwich	8.47	3.3	9.17	3.3
Holyhead	7.45	4.5	8.26	4.5
Hull	3.15	5.8	3.39	6.0
Ilfracombe	2.53	6.9	3.32	7.0
Leith	11.59	4.6		
Liverpool	8.22	7.5	9.01	7.6
Lowestoft	6.34	2.1	6.55	2.1
Margate	9.07	3.9	9.32	3.9
Milford Haven	3.15	5.3	3.53	5.4
Newquay	2.12	5.4	2.48	5.4
Oban	3.41	3.1	4.23	3.0
Penzance	1.34	4.4	2.14	4.3
Portland	3.16	1.4	4.16	1.3
Portsmouth	8.30	3.8	9.24	3.8
Shoreham	8.09	4.8	8.55	5.0
Southampton	8.11	3.7	9.01	3.8
Swansea	3.11	7.3	3.50	7.4
Tees	12.43	4.3	1.10	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	8.47	3.4	9.14	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.06	3	37	Drizzle
Bridlington	-	.11	3	37	Rain pm
Cromer	-	.04	3	37	Rain
Lowestoft	-	.01	3	37	Rain
Clacton	-	.09	4	39	Rain
Margate	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Folkestone	-	.04	3	37	Rain
Hastings	-	.06	4	39	Snow am
Eastbourne	-	.03	3	37	Sleet am
Brighton	-	.02	2	36	Drizzle
Worthing	-	.08	4	39	Drizzle
Littlehmptn	-	.03	4	39	Drizzle
Bognor R	-	.02	4	39	Rain
Southsea	-	.02	4	39	Rain pm
Shanklin	-	.03	4	39	Rain pm
Bournemth	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Poole	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Swanage	-	.01	4	39	Drizzle
Weymouth	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Exmouth	-	-	3	37	Cloudy
Torquay	-	-	5	41	Cloudy
Wick	-	-	5	41	Cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	4	39	Rain am
Aldergrove	0.5	-	4	39	Cloudy

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	-	.13	4	39	Rain
Scilly Isles	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Newquay	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Tenby	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Southport	0.1	-	5	41	Cloudy
Morecambe	0.8	-	5	41	Cloudy
Douglas	1.3	-	4	39	Cloudy pm
London (Ctrl)	-	.03	3	37	Rain
B'ham (Airpt)	-	.06	2	36	Snow am
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	-	3	37	Cloudy
Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.8	-	4	39	Cloudy
Anglesey	0.3	.01	4	39	Sleet
B'pool (Airpt)	0.2	.01	5	41	Snow am
Manchester	0.6	-	4	39	Cloudy
Nottingham	-	.07	2	36	Snow
N'ctl-n-Tyne	-	.03	3	37	Snow am
Carlisle	-	-	4	39	Cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	-	2	36	Cloudy
Prestwick	0.3	-	4	39	Cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	4	39	Dull
Tiree	-	.02	5	41	Drizzle
Stornoway	-	-	7	45	Cloudy
Lerwick	-	-	5	41	Cloudy

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F
Ajaccio	c	6	43
Akrotiri	s	19	66
Alexandria			
Algiers	s	14	57
Amsterdam	c	1	34
Athens	f	13	55
Bahrain	f	19	66
Barbados			
Barcelona	f	8	46
Beirut			
Belgrade	c	6	43
Berlin	c	2	36
Bermuda*	f	23	73
Biarritz	c	6	43
Boulogne	c	2	36
Bordeaux	c	4	39
Brussels	c	2	36
Budapest	f	8	46
Buen Aires*	c	23	73
Cairo			
Cape Tn			
C'blanca	s	17	63
Chicago*	c	5	41
Cologne	c	4	39
Copenhgn	c	2	36
Corfu	f	15	59
Dallas*	s	13	55
Dublin	c	3	37
Dubrovnik	c	12	
Faro	f	9	48
Florence	r	6	43
Frankfurt	c	3	37
Funchal	c	17	63
Geneva	c	2	36
Gibraltar			
Helsinki	s	-5	23
Hongkong	c	19	66
Innsbruck	s	0	32
Istanbul	f	9	48
Jiddah	s	29	84
Jo'burg	s	24	75
Karachi	s	25	77
Las Palmas	c	22	72
Lisbon	s	9	48
Locarno	r	3	37
L Angeles*	c	15	59
Luxembg	c	1	30
Madrid			
Majorca	c	10	50
Malaga	c	10	50
Malta	s	17	63
Melbourne			
Mexico C*	s	21	70
Miami*	s	25	77
Milan	r	6	43
Montreal*	f	4	39
Moscow	s	-1	30
Munich	c	1	34
Nairobi	c	28	82
Naples	c	10	50
New Delhi	s	18	64
New York*	c	12	54
Nice	r	8	48
Oslo	c	-4	25
Ottawa			
Paris	c	1	34
Peking	s	1	34
Perth	s	29	84
Prague	s	4	39
Reykjavik	s	0	32
Rhodes	c	18	64
Riyadh	s	23	73
Rio de Jan*	s	30	86
Rome	c	12	54
Salzburg	f	7	45
Sao Paulo*	c	32	90
S Francisco*	f	14	57
Santiago*	f	27	81
Seoul	f	3	37
Singapore	c	30	86
Stockholm	c	0	32
Strasbourg	c	2	36
Sydney	c	27	77
Tangier	c	14	57
Tel Aviv	s	20	68
Tenerife	f	20	68
Tokyo	sn	1	34
Toronto*	s	10	50
Tunis	s	15	59
Valencia	s		
Vancouver*	f	9	48
Venice	r	8	46
Vienna	c	4	39
Warsaw	c	0	32
Washingtn*	s	19	66
Zurich	c	0	32

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